

## Pharmacy Program Updates: Quarterly Pharmacy Changes and Pharmacy Network Changes Effective Jan. 1, 2018

### PHARMACY NETWORK CHANGES

Some Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) members' plans may have experienced changes to the pharmacy network as of Jan. 1, 2018. Some members' plans may have moved to a new pharmacy network and some members' plans may experience changes to the pharmacies participating within the network. Based on claims data, members impacted by these changes were sent letters from BCBSTX to alert them.

Members who continue to fill prescriptions at a pharmacy no longer in their network will pay more. In most cases, no action is required on your part for any of these pharmacy network changes as members can easily transfer prescriptions to a nearby in-network pharmacy. If your office stores pharmacy information on your patients' records, you may want to ask your patient which pharmacy is their preferred choice.

### DRUG LIST CHANGES

Based on the availability of new prescription medications and Prime's National Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee's review of changes in the pharmaceuticals market, some additions or drugs moving to a lower out-of-pocket payment level, revisions (drugs still covered but moved to a higher out-of-pocket payment level) and/or exclusions (drugs no longer covered) were made to the BCBSTX drug lists. Your patient(s) may ask you about therapeutic or lower cost alternatives if their medication is affected by one of these changes. Changes that were effective Jan. 1, 2018 are outlined below.

**Please Note:** If you have patients with an individual benefit plan offered on/off the Texas Health Insurance Marketplace, they may be impacted by annual drug list changes. You can view a list of these changes on our [Member Services website](#).

### Drug List Updates (Coverage Additions) – As of Jan. 1, 2018

Preferred Drug <sup>1</sup>	Drug Class/Condition Used For
<b>Basic, Basic 5-Tier, Enhanced, Enhanced 5-Tier Drug Lists</b>	
ADYNOVATE	Hemophilia
COSENTYX	Psoriasis/Psoriatic arthritis
COSENTYX SENSOREADY PEN	Psoriasis/Psoriatic arthritis
MAVYRET	Hepatitis C
NITYR	Tyrosinemia
NUVIQ	Hemophilia
VOSEVI	Hepatitis C
<b>Enhanced, Enhanced 5-Tier Drug Lists</b>	
APRISO	Ulcerative Colitis/Crohn's Disease
<b>Performance and Performance Select Drug Lists</b>	
abacavir sulfate soln 20 mg/mL	HIV/Anit-Infectives
adapalene-benzoyl peroxide gel 0.1-2.5%	Acne
Afluria 2017-2018, Afluria PF 2017-2018	Influenza Vaccine
Afluria Quadrivalent 2017	Influenza Vaccine
aprepitant capsule 40 mg, 125 mg	Nausea/Vomiting
BENLYSTA SC auto-injector, BENLYSTA SC prefilled syringe	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)
BUTALBITAL/ASPIRIN/CAFFEINE	Headache

DIAZEPAM RECTAL GEL	Seizures
eletriptan hydrobromide tab 20 mg, 40 mg	Migraines
ENBREL MINI	Rheumatoid Arthritis
FERROUS SULFATE	Iron Supplement
Flublok Quadrivalent 2017	Influenza Vaccine
fosamprenavir calcium tab 700 mg	HIV/Anit-Infectives
glatiramer acetate soln prefilled syringe 40 mg/MI	Multiple Sclerosis
HAEGARDA	Hereditary Angioedema (HAE)
IDHIFA	Cancer
INGREZZA	Tardive Dyskinesia
IRON UP	Iron Supplement
lamotrigine tab 25 mg (35) starter kit	Bipolar Disorder
lamotrigine tab 25 mg (42) & 100 mg (7) starter kit	Bipolar Disorder
lamotrigine tab 25 mg (84) & 100 mg (14) starter kit	Bipolar Disorder
lanthanum carbonate chew tab 750 mg, 500 mg, 1000 mg	Kidney Disease
LYNPARZA	Cancer
MAVYRET	Hepatitis C
NERLYNX	Cancer
NITYR	Tyrosinemia
NOVAFERRUM PEDIATRIC DROP	Iron Supplement
NUWIQ	Hemophilia
pot phos monobasic w/sod phos di & monobas tab 155-852-130 mg	Phosphorus Supplement
prasugrel hcl tab 5 mg, 10 mg	Cardiovascular Event Prophylaxis
scopolamine td patch 72 hr 1 mg/3 days	Nausea/Vomiting
sodium citrate & citric acid soln 500-334 mg/5 mL	Kidney Disease
sodium phenylbutyrate tab 500 mg	Urea Cycle Disorders
TRIMPEX	Anti-Infective
vigabatrin powder pack 500 mg	Infantile Spasms
VOSEVI	Hepatitis C

### Drug List Updates (Coverage Tier Changes) – As of Jan. 1, 2018

Drug <sup>1</sup>	New Lower Tier	Drug Class/Condition Used For
<b>Performance and Performance Select Drug Lists</b>		
amlodipine besylate-benazepril hcl cap 2.5-10 mg	Preferred Generic	Hypertension
amlodipine besylate-olmesartan medoxomil tab 5-20 mg, 5-40 mg, 10-20 mg, 10-40 mg	Non-Preferred Generic	Hypertension
ADDERALL XR 24 hr capsule 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg, 25 mg †	Non-Preferred Generic	ADHD
benzonatate cap 150 mg	Non-Preferred Generic	Cough/Cold
BROVANA	Preferred Brand	Bronchitis/COPD/Emphysema
cholecalciferol oral liquid 400 unit/mL	Preferred Generic	Vitamin/Supplement
clindamycin hcl cap 75 mg	Preferred Generic	Anti-Infectives
CONCERTA tablet 18 mg, 27 mg, 36 mg, 54 mg †	Non-Preferred Generic	ADHD
COSENTYX	Preferred Brand	Psoriasis/Psoriatic Arthritis
COSENTYX SENSOREADY PEN	Preferred Brand	Psoriasis/Psoriatic Arthritis
dipyridamole tab 50 mg	Preferred Generic	Thromboembolism Prophylaxis
doxepin hcl cap 75 mg	Non-Preferred Generic	Depression/Anxiety/Insomnia
duloxetine hcl enteric coated pellets cap	Preferred Generic	Depression/Anxiety

60 mg		
dutasteride cap 0.5 mg	Preferred Generic	BPH
flurbiprofen tab 100 mg	Preferred Generic	Pain
GLYXAMBI (empagliflozin-linagliptin tab 10-5 mg, 25-5 mg)	Non-Preferred Brand	Diabetes
LUPANETA PACK	Non-Preferred Brand	Endometriosis
LUPRON DEPOT	Preferred Brand	Endometriosis/Cancer
LUPRON DEPOT-PED	Preferred Brand	Endometriosis/Cancer
methotrexate sodium inj pf 100 mg/4 mL, 200 mg/8 mL	Preferred Generic	Cancer/Arthritis
methyldopa tab 500 mg	Preferred Generic	Hypertension
methylprednisolone tab 16 mg	Preferred Generic	Inflammatory Conditions
NEUPOGEN	Preferred Brand	Neutropenia
norgestimate-eth estrad tab 0.18-25/0.215-25/0.25-25 mg-mcg	Preferred Generic	Contraception
olmesartan medoxomil tab 5 mg, 20 mg, 40 mg	Non-Preferred Generic	Hypertension
olmesartan medoxomil-hydrochlorothiazide tab 20-12.5 mg, 40-12.5 mg, 40-25 mg	Non-Preferred Generic	Hypertension
olmesartan-amlodipine-hydrochlorothiazide tab 20-5-12.5 mg, 40-5-12.5 mg, 40-5-25 mg, 40-10-12.5 mg, 40-10-25 mg	Non-Preferred Generic	Hypertension
propranolol hcl tab 40 mg	Preferred Generic	Hypertension
sucralfate tab 1 gm	Preferred Generic	Ulcers
theophylline tab er 12 hr 200 mg	Preferred Generic	Asthma/COPD
theophylline tab sr 12 hr 200 mg	Preferred Generic	Asthma/COPD
VAGIFEM tablet 10 mg †	Non-Preferred Generic	Menopausal Changes
venlafaxine hcl tab 100 mg	Preferred Generic	Depression/Anxiety
ZAMICET	Non-Preferred Brand	Pain
<b>Performance Drug List</b>		
cromolyn sodium soln nebu 20 mg/2 MI	Non-Preferred Generic	Asthma
moxifloxacin hcl ophth soln 0.5%	Non-Preferred Generic	Ophthalmic Anti-Infectives
<b>Performance Select Drug List</b>		
BELSOMRA (suvorexant tab 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg)	Preferred Brand	Insomnia
EUCRISA (crisaborole oint 2%)	Preferred Brand	Atopic Dermatitis
GRALISE (gabapentin once-daily tab 300 mg, 600 mg)	Non-Preferred Brand	Postherpetic Neuralgia
GRALISE STARTER	Non-Preferred Brand	Postherpetic Neuralgia
HORIZANT (gabapentin enacarbil tab cr 300 mg, 600 mg)	Non-Preferred Brand	Restless Leg Syndrome
ILEVRO (nepafenac ophth susp 0.3%)	Non-Preferred Brand	Ocular Pain/Inflammation
MIGRANAL (dihydroergotamine mesylate nasal spray 4 mg/mL)	Preferred Brand	Ophthalmic Anti-Infectives
OXTELLAR XR (oxcarbazepine tab sr 24hr 150 mg, 300 mg, 600 mg)	Non-Preferred Brand	Seizures
RELISTOR (methylnaltrexone bromide inj 8 mg/0.4 mL, 12 mg/0.6 mL)	Non-Preferred Brand	OIC
RELISTOR (methylnaltrexone bromide tab 150 mg)	Non-Preferred Brand	OIC

SAVELLA (milnacipran hcl tab 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg)	Preferred Brand	Fibromyalgia
SAVELLA TITRATION PACK	Preferred Brand	Fibromyalgia
ZOHYDRO ER (hydrocodone bitartrate cap sr 12hr abuse-deterrent 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg, 50 mg)	Non-Preferred Brand	Pain

† Members only have coverage for the brand, even if a generic is available. Member cost share for the brand drug aligns with a non-preferred generic tier.

### Drug List Updates (Revisions/Exclusions) – As of Jan. 1, 2018

Non-Preferred Brand <sup>1</sup>	Drug Class/Condition Used For	Generic Preferred Alternative(s) <sup>2</sup>	Preferred Brand Alternative(s) <sup>1,2</sup>
<b>Basic, Basic 5-Tier, Enhanced, Enhanced 5-Tier Drug Lists Revisions</b>			
ALKERAN	Cancer	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>	
BENICAR/ BENICAR HCT	Hypertension	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>	
CYCLOSPORINE MODIFIED 50 mg capsule	Immunosuppressant	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>	
EMEND 80 mg, EMEND Tripack	Antiemetic	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>	
EPZICOM	HIV/ Antivirals	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>	
IMITREX nasal spray 5 mg/act, 20 mg/act	Headache	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>	
KALETRA solution	HIV/ Antivirals	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>	
NITROSTAT	Antianginal	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>	
SEROQUEL XR	Depression/ Bipolar Disorder	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>	
TAZORAC (tazarotene cream 0.1%)	Acne	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>	
VAGIFEM	Menopause	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>	
VALCYTE solution	Antiviral	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>	
<b>Basic, Basic 5-Tier Drug Lists Revisions</b>			
ATROVENT HFA	Asthma/ COPD	Ipratropium Bromide	SPIRIVA, INCRUSE,

			ELLIPTA
AZILECT	Parkinson's Disease	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>	
DAKLINZA	Hepatitis C	N/A	HARVONI, EPCLUSA
LIALDA	Ulcerative Colitis	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>	
NILANDRON	Cancer	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>	
Drug <sup>1</sup>	Drug Class/Condition Used For	Preferred Alternative(s) <sup>1,2</sup>	
<b>Performance and Performance Select Drug List Revisions</b>			
ACETAMINOPHEN/ CAFFEINE/ DIHYDROCODEINE (acetaminophen-caffeine- dihydrocodeine cap 320.5- 30-16 mg)	Headache	butalbital-acetaminophen-caffeine-codeine capsule 50-325-40-30 mg, butalbital-aspirin-caffeine-codeine capsule 50-325-40-30 mg	
AUGMENTED BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE (betamethasone dipropionate augmented gel 0.05%)	Topical Steroid	betamethasone dipropionate cream, betamethasone dipropionate lotion, betamethasone dipropionate augmented oint	
BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE (betamethasone dipropionate augmented gel 0.05%)	Topical Steroid	betamethasone dipropionate cream, betamethasone dipropionate lotion, betamethasone dipropionate augmented oint	
CHLOROQUINE PHOSPHATE	Malaria	chloroquine phosphate tablet 500 Mg, hydroxychloroquine sulfate tablet	
CLEMASTINE FUMARATE	Allergic Rhinitis	carbinoxamine tab 40 mg	
CODITUSSIN AC	Cough & Cold	cheratussin ac syrup, virtussin ac solution	
FLUOXETINE HCL CAP DELAYED RELEASE 90 MG	Antidepressant	fluoxetine hcl cap 10 mg, fluoxetine hcl cap 20 mg, fluoxetine hcl cap 40 mg	
levofloxacin oral soln 25 mg/ml	Anti-Infective	ciprofloxacin oral susp, ciprofloxacin hcl tab, levofloxacin tab	
LEVONORGESTREL AND ETHINYL ESTRADIOL (levonorgestrel-ethinyl estradiol (continuous) tab 90-20 mcg)	Oral Contraceptives	Ashlyna, Daysee, Fayosim	
LINDANE	Lice	permethrin cream, malathion lotion	
METHERGINE	Postpartum Bleeding	N/A	
METHYLPHENIDATE HCL (methylphenidate hcl chew tab 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg)	ADHD	amphetamine-dextroamphetamine tablet, methylphenidate tablet, CONCERTA	

METOCLOPRAMIDE ODT	Nausea/ Vomiting	metoclopramide tablet (non-orally disintegrating), metoclopramide solution
METOPROLOL/HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE (metoprolol & hydrochlorothiazide tab 100-50 mg)	ADHD	hydrochlorothiazide tablet, metoprolol tablet
NINJACOF-XG	Cough & Cold	cheratussin ac syrup, virtussin ac solution
OXYMORPHONE HYDROCHLORIDE	Pain	oxycodone tablets, oxymorphone tablets (immediate release), OXYCONTIN tablets
potassium chloride oral soln 20% (40 mEq/15ml)	Hypokalemia	potassium chloride microencapsulated cr tab, potassium chloride oral soln 10% (20 Meq/15ml), potassium chloride powder packet 20 Meq
TOLMETIN SODIUM	Arthritis	ibuprofen tablet, meloxicam tablet, naproxen tablet
<b>Performance and Performance Select Drug List Exclusions</b>		
ADAPALENE	Acne	<i>Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about over-the-counter options (Differin gel). Also, there may be prescription alternatives available: tretinoin cream or tretinoin gel</i>
AGGRENOX	Stroke/ Stroke Prophylaxis	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
ALKERAN (melphalan tab 2 mg)	Cancer	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
amphetamine/dextroamphetamine ER cap	ADHD	ADDERALL XR †
AXIRON (testosterone td soln 30 mg/act)	Hormone Replacement Therapy	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
AZILECT	Parkinson's Disease	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
Butalbital/Acetaminophen/Caffeine with Codeine cap 50-300-40-30 mg	Headaches	Butalbital-acetaminophen-caffeine with codeine cap 50-325-40-30 mg
CAFERGOT	Migraines	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
Calcipotriene/Betamethasone Dipropionate Ointment 0.005-0.064%	Topical Steroid	Enstilar
CIPRO HC (ciprofloxacin-hydrocortisone otic susp 0.2-1%)	Otic Anti-Infectives	CIPRODEX (ciprofloxacin-dexamethasone otic susp 0.3-0.1%), ofloxacin otic soln 0.3%
COREG CR (carvedilol phosphate cap sr 24hr 10 mg, 20 mg, 40 mg, 80 mg)	Hypertension	atenolol tab (immediate release), metoprolol tartrate tab, metoprolol succinate tab sr 24hr
DOXEPIN HYDROCHLORIDE (doxepin HCL cream 5%)	Dermatitis	betamethasone valerate cream, betamethasone valerate oint, tacrolimus oint, triamcinolone acetonide cream, triamcinolone acetonide oint
EGRIFTA (tesamorelin	Antivirals/ HIV	<i>This medication has been determined not safe</i>

acetate for inj 1 mg, 2 mg (base equiv))		<i>or not effective by Prime's Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
EMEND	Antiemetic	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
Estradiol tab 10 mg	Menopause	VAGIFEM †
FORTEO (teriparatide (recombinant) inj 600 mcg/2.4 ml)	Osteoporosis	TYMLOS (abaloparatide inj 3120 mcg/1.56ml)
KARBINAL ER	Allergies	carbinoxamine maleate soln 4 mg/5 mL
KALETRA SOLUTION	Anti-Infective/ HIV	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
LIALDA (mesalamine tab delayed release 1.2 gm)	Ulcerative Colitis/Crohn's Disease	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
Luride	Fluoride Supplement	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
methylphenidate ER tab	ADHD	CONCERTA †
MILLIPRED (prednisolone sod phosphate oral soln 10 mg/5 mL base equivalent)	Oral Steroid	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
MINASTRIN 24 FE (norethindrone ace-eth estradiol-fe chew tab 1 mg-20 mcg (24))	Birth Control	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
PAROXETINE ER 25 MG	Antidepressant	paroxetine tablets (immediate release)
PERFOROMIST (formoterol fumarate soln nebu 20 mcg/2ml)	Asthma/COPD/Bronchitis	BROVANA (arformoterol tartrate soln nebu 15 Mcg/2ml)
PRISTIQ (desvenlafaxine succinate tab sr 24hr base equivalent)	Depression	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
PRUDOXIN (doxepin hcl cream 5%)	Dermatitis	betamethasone valerate cream, betamethasone valerate oint, tacrolimus oint, triamcinolone acetonide cream, triamcinolone acetonide oint
QUARTETTE (levonor-eth est tab 0.15-0.02/0.025/0.03 mg & eth est 0.01 mg)	Birth Control	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
RENVELA (sevelamer carbonate packet 0.8 gm, 2.4 gm; tab 800 mg)	Hyperphosphatemia	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
rimantadine hydrochloride tab 100 mg	Influenza	<i>This medication has been determined not safe or not effective by Prime's Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
ROZEREM (ramelteon tab 8 mg)	Insomnia	eszopiclone tab, zolpidem tartrate tab, OTC melatonin
SEROQUEL XR (quetiapine fumarate tab sr 24hr 50 mg, 150 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg)	Antidepressant/ Bipolar Disorder	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>

STRATTERA (atomoxetine hcl cap 10 mg, 18 mg, 25 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg (base equiv))	ADHD	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
Tamiflu capsules	Influenza	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
TAYTULLA	Birth Control	junel fe 1/20 tablet, gildess fe 1/20 tablet, larin fe 1/20 tablet, microgestin fe tablet
TAZORAC (tazarotene cream 0.1%)	Acne	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
Tretinoin microsphere gel 0.04%, 0.1%	Acne	tretinoin cream 0.025%, 0.05%, 0.1%; tretinoin gel 0.01%, 0.025%, 0.05%
TRICOR (fenofibrate tab 145 mg)	High Cholesterol	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
Tridesilon	Topical Steroid	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
VERIPRED 20 (prednisolone sod phosphate oral soln 20 mg/5 mL base equivalent)	Oral Steroid	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
Virazole	Hepatitis C/ RSV	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
Yuvafem	Menopause	VAGIFEM †
ZELAPAR (selegiline hcl orally disintegrating tab 1.25 mg)	Parkinson's Disease	rasagiline tablet, selegiline tablet
ZETIA (ezetimibe tab 10 mg)	High Cholesterol	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
ZONALON (doxepin hcl cream 5%)	Dermatitis	betamethasone valerate cream, betamethasone valerate oint, tacrolimus oint, triamcinolone acetonide cream, triamcinolone acetonide oint
Removal of select over-the-counter (OTC) controlled substance schedule V products (i.e., CAPCOF, CODITUSSIN AC, etc.)	Cough & Cold	benzonatate capsule, cheratussin ac (guaifenesin-codeine solution 100-10 Mg/5ml), virtussin a/c (guaifenesin-codeine solution 100-10 Mg/5ml), OTC cough and cold products
Removal of select over-the-counter (OTC) vitamin/supplement products (i.e., Iron Chews Pediatric, Vitamin D2 400 mg tablet, Vitamin D3, etc.)	Vitamin/ Supplement	<i>Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about over-the-counter options.</i>
Removal of select over-the-counter (OTC) fluoride products (i.e., Sensodyne Repair & Protect, Florical, Monocal, etc.)	Fluoride	<i>Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about over-the-counter options.</i>



Performance Drug List Exclusions		
CLINDAGEL (clindamycin phosphate gel 1%)	Acne	clindamycin phosphate gel 1% (generic), clindamycin phosphate lotion 1%
DICLEGIS (doxylamine-pyridoxine tab delayed release 10-10 mg)	Antiemetic	<i>Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about over-the-counter options.</i>
EPI-PEN AND EPI-PEN JR	Anaphylaxis	epinephrine auto-injector 0.15 mg/0.3 mL (EPIPEN JR authorized generic)
EPZICOM	Anti-Infective/ HIV	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
ERYPED 200	Antibiotic	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
MINOCYCLINE HCL ER (minocycline hcl tab sr 24hr 45 mg)	Anti-Infectives	minocycline capsule, minocycline tablet
minocycline hcl tab sr 24hr 90 mg, 135 mg	Anti-Infectives	minocycline capsule, minocycline tablet
TACLONEX	Topical Steroid	ENSTILAR
Performance Select Drug List Exclusions		
ACTICLATE (doxycycline hyclate tab 150 mg)	Anti-Infectives	doxycycline hyclate tab 100 mg, doxycycline hyclate cap 50 mg, doxycycline hyclate cap 100 mg, ORACEA, SOLODYN
BENICAR (olmesartan medoxomil tab 20 mg)	Hypertension	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
BENICAR HCT (olmesartan medoxomil-hydrochlorothiazide tab 20-12.5 mg)	Hypertension	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
clindamycin phosphate-tretinoin gel 1.2-0.025%	Acne	clindamycin phosphate gel 1%, tretinoin gel
PATADAY (olopatadine hcl ophth soln 0.2% (base equivalent))	Allergic Conjunctivitis	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
TIVORBEX (indomethacin cap 20 mg, 40 mg)	Pain	diclofenac tablet, ibuprofen tab, indomethacin capsule, meloxicam tablet
VIGAMOX (moxifloxacin hcl ophth soln 0.5% (base equiv))	Ophthalmic Anti-Infective	<i>Generic equivalent available. Members should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for their condition.</i>
VIVLODEX (meloxicam cap 5 mg, 10 mg)	Pain	diclofenac tablet, ibuprofen tab, indomethacin capsule, meloxicam tablet
ZORVOLEX (diclofenac cap 18 mg, 35 mg)	Pain	diclofenac tablet, ibuprofen tab, indomethacin capsule, meloxicam tablet

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### **DISPENSING LIMIT CHANGES**

The BCBSTX prescription drug benefit program includes coverage limits on certain medications and drug categories. Dispensing limits are based on U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved dosage regimens and product labeling.

Effective Jan. 1, 2018:

<b>Drug Class and Medication(s)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Dispensing Limit(s)</b>
<b>Basic, Enhanced, Performance and Performance Select Drug Lists Changes</b>	
<b>Antibiotics</b>	
Sivextro	6 tablets per 180 days
<b>Antimalarials</b>	
Malarone 62.5-25, 250-100	30 tablets per 90 days
<b>Egrifta</b>	
Egrifta 1 mg solution	60 vials per 30 days
Egrifta 2 mg solution	30 vials per 30 days
<b>HAE</b>	
Berinert	10 vials per 30 days
Haegarda 2000 unit	24 vials per 30 days
Haegarda 3000 unit	16 vials per 30 days
Ruconest	8 vials per 30 days
<b>Huntington's Disease</b>	
Austedo 6 mg	60 tablets per 30 days
Austedo 9 mg, 12 mg	120 tablets per 30 days
<b>Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis</b>	
Esbriet 267 mg	180 capsules per 30 days
<b>Insulin Combinations</b>	
Soliqua	15 mLs per 30 days
Xultophy	15 mLs per 30 days
<b>Neuromuscular Agent (cumulative across strengths)</b>	
Lyrica 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200, 225, 300	90 capsules per 30 days
<b>Opioid Dependence (cumulative across agents and strengths)</b>	
Bunavail 2.1, 4.2, 6.3	60 films per 30 days
buprenorphine-naloxone 2/0.5 tablet, 8/2 tablet	60 tablets per 30 days
Suboxone 2/0.5 film, 4/1 film, 8/2 film, 12/3 film	60 films per 30 days
Zubsolv 0.7, 1.4, 2.7, 5.9, 8.6, 11.4	60 tablets per 30 days
<b>PCSK9</b>	
Repatha 140 syringe, 140 autoinjector	2 syringes per 28 days
<b>Parathyroid Hormone Analog for Osteoporosis</b>	
Tymlos	1.56 mLs per 30 days
<b>SSIA</b>	
Nuplazid	60 tablets per 30 days
<b>Tardive Dyskinesia</b>	
Ingrezza	60 capsules per 30 days
<b>Therapeutic Alternatives</b>	
Allzital 325/25 mg	360 tablets per 30 days
Azelex cream 20%	30 grams per 30 days
Daraprim 25 mg	116 tablets per 180 days
Fexmid 7.5 mg	90 tablets per 30 days
Librax 5/2.5	240 capsules per 30 days
Lorzone 375 mg, 750 mg	120 tablets per 30 days
Naprelan 375 mg, 500 mg, 750 mg	60 tablets per 30 days
Noritrate cream 1%	60 grams per 30 days
Tivorbex 20 mg, 40 mg	90 capsules per 30 days
Zipsor 25 mg	120 capsules per 30 days
Zorvolex 18 mg, 35 mg	90 capsules per 30 days
<b>URAT1 Inhibitor</b>	

Zurampic 200 mg tablet	30 tablets per 30 days
<b>Vitamin B12 Deficiency</b>	
Nascobal	1 bottle per 28 days
<b>Misc</b>	
Diclegis	120 tablets per 30 days
Rayaldee	60 capsules per 30 days
<b>Basic, Enhanced and Performance Drug Lists Changes</b>	
<b>Therapeutic Alternatives</b>	
levorphanol	120 tablets per 30 days
Vanatol LQ	1000 mLs per 30 days
<b>Basic and Performance Drug Lists Changes</b>	
<b>Therapeutic Alternatives</b>	
Doxepin 5% cream	45 grams per 180 days

### **UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES**

- **Effective Oct. 1, 2017**, the Tardive Dyskinesia Prior Authorization (PA) program was added for standard pharmacy benefit plans, upon renewal for most members. This program includes the target drug Ingrezza.
- **Effective Jan. 1, 2018**, the following changes were applied:
  - The Combination GI Protectant Step Therapy (ST) program became a standard PA program. The target drugs remain the same: Duxexis, Vimovo and Yosprala. Members who may have had a prior authorization approval for a target drug within the program are not impacted until their current PA approval expires in 2018. After their PA expires, they will need to have a prior authorization request submitted for coverage consideration.
  - The target drug Doxepin 5% cream was removed from the Therapeutic Alternatives standard PA program and separated into a new standard PA program. The new standard PA program Topical Doxepin includes this target drug as well as the targets Prudoxin and Zonalon. Members on a current drug regimen for Doxepin but did not have the Therapeutic Alternatives PA program as part of their pharmacy benefit prior to Jan. 1, 2018, are being notified of the change, upon their renewal.
  - Several drug categories and/or targeted medications will be added to current PA and ST programs for standard pharmacy benefit plans, upon renewal for most members. As a *reminder*, please review your patient's drug list for the indicator listed in the Prior Authorization or Step Therapy column, as not all programs may apply. Additionally, please be sure to submit the specific prior authorization form the medication being prescribed to your patient.

### **Drug categories added to current pharmacy PA standard programs, effective Jan. 1, 2018**

<b>Drug Category</b>	<b>Targeted Medication(s)<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Basic, Enhanced, Performance and Performance Select Drug Lists</b>	
Multisource Brand	AirDuo Respiclick
Regranex	Regranex
Selective Serotonin Inverse Agonist (SSIA)	Nuplazid
Strensiq	Strensiq

URAT1 Inhibitor	Zurampic
<b>Basic, Enhanced and Performance Drug Lists</b>	
Bonjesta/Diclegis	Diclegis
<b>Basic and Enhanced Drug Lists</b>	
Vitamin B12 Deficiency	Nascobal

**Targeted drugs added to current pharmacy PA standard programs, effective Jan. 1, 2018:**

<b>Drug Category</b>	<b>Targeted Medication(s)<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Basic, Enhanced, Performance and Performance Select Drug Lists</b>	
Huntington's Disease	Austedo
Osteoporosis	Tymlos
<b>Basic, Enhanced and Performance Drug Lists</b>	
Doxycycline/ Minocycline	Targadox
Therapeutic Alternatives	Allzital, Auvi-Q, Azelex, Fexmid, generic metformin ER (Fortamet), levorphanol, Librax, Lorzone, Naprelan, Noritate, Tivrobex, Vanatol LQ, Vanos, Zipsor, Zorvolex

**Drug categories added to current pharmacy ST standard programs, effective Jan. 1, 2018:**

<b>Drug Category</b>	<b>Targeted Medication(s)<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Basic, Enhanced, Performance and Performance Select Drug Lists</b>	
Gabapentin ER	Gralise, Horizant
Insulin Combination Agents	Soliqua, Xultophy
<b>Basic, Enhanced and Performance Drug Lists</b>	
Methotrexate Injectable	Otrexup, Rasuvo

Per our usual process of member notification prior to implementation, targeted mailings were sent to members affected by drug list revisions and/or exclusions, dispensing limit and prior authorization program changes. For the most up-to-date drug list and list of drug dispensing limits, visit the Pharmacy Program section of our Provider website.

If your patients have any questions about their pharmacy benefits, please advise them to contact the Pharmacy Program number on their member ID card. Members may also visit [bcbstx.com](http://bcbstx.com) and log in to Blue Access for Members<sup>SM</sup> (BAM<sup>SM</sup>) and MyPrime.com for a variety of online resources.

<sup>1</sup>Third party brand names are the property of their respective owners

<sup>2</sup>These lists are not all inclusive. Other medications may be available in this drug class.

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