



## New Member Prescription Plan Introduction Phase Information Sheet

The Blue Shield Drug Formulary is a list of preferred generic and brand-name drugs that are covered under the Blue Shield outpatient prescription drug benefit. Generic drugs usually have lower member out of pocket costs than non-formulary brand-name drugs. Non-formulary brand drugs have higher member out of pocket costs. As a result, using formulary generic and brand-name drugs helps you reduce your prescription costs.

### *Prior Authorization*

Drug prior authorization means that approval must be provided by Blue Shield in order for the drug to be covered. Most drugs are covered by Blue Shield without requiring prior authorization. However, select drugs on Blue Shield's formulary require medical justification be provided by your doctor in order to provide coverage. Drugs requiring prior authorization for medical necessity are listed in the formulary with "PA."

### *Step Therapy*

Step therapy means that drug treatment for a medical condition is started with a drug that is considered first-line for safety and/or cost-effectiveness. If a first line drug is not effective, produces intolerable side effects, or cannot be used due to other medical conditions, then treatment with another drug that is less cost-effective or has more serious side effects is considered. Select drugs on the Blue Shield formulary have a step therapy requirement, which means that medical justification must be provided by your doctor as to why most cost effective drugs are not suitable for your medical condition. Drugs requiring step therapy for medical necessity are listed in the formulary with a "ST."

### *New Rx Plan Introduction*

In order to assist with a smooth transition into your new pharmacy benefit, prior authorizations and step therapy restrictions will be removed for the first 90-days of your plan, for select maintenance prescriptions. Drugs filled within these first 90-days will continue to be covered so long as your physician continues to prescribe them for your medical condition. Please refer to the select list of maintenance prescriptions for which prior authorizations and step therapy restrictions will be removed.

Drugs with step therapy or prior authorization requirements started after the first 90-days of your plan effective date will require that medical justification be provided by your doctor in order to qualify for coverage.

The Blue Shield Drug Formulary is available online at [blueshieldca.com](https://www.blueshieldca.com) under *Pharmacy, Drug Database & Formulary*.

If you have any questions about your pharmacy benefits, please call the customer service number on your Blue Shield member ID card or visit [blueshieldca.com](https://www.blueshieldca.com).

## Prescription Drug List

### Temporary 90-day Removal of PA and ST Coverage Requirements

To facilitate transition to Blue Shield plans, prior authorization and step therapy requirements for the following drugs may be temporarily removed within the first 90 days of enrollment.

To promote safety, age, gender and quantity (e.g., number of pills, tablets, inhalers, syringes, vials) dispensing requirements will not be removed.

Drug	Usual Diagnosis
<b>Acanya</b>	Acne
<b>Actonel 5mg, 35mg</b>	Osteoporosis
<b>Actoplus Met XR</b>	Diabetes
<b>Aczone</b>	Acne
<b>Adcirca</b>	Pulmonary arterial hypertension
<b>Adempas</b>	Pulmonary hypertension
<b>Adlyxin</b>	Diabetes
<b>Aerospan</b>	Asthma
<b>Afinitor, Afinitor Disperz</b>	Renal cell cancer, Brain cancer, Neuroendocrine tumor, Breast cancer
<b>alogliptin (Nesina)</b>	Diabetes
<b>alogliptin/metformin (Kazano)</b>	Diabetes
<b>alogliptin/pioglitazone (Oseni)</b>	Diabetes
<b>Amitiza</b>	Chronic constipation, Irritable bowel syndrome
<b>amlodipine/atorvastatin (Caduet)</b>	Hypertension, CAD, High cholesterol
<b>amlodipine/valsartan (Exforge)</b>	Hypertension
<b>Amrix</b>	Muscle spasm
<b>Antara 30mg, 90mg capsule</b>	High cholesterol or triglyceride
<b>Aplenzin</b>	Depression
<b>Aptiom</b>	Seizure
<b>Arcapta</b>	COPD
<b>armodafinil (Nuvigil)</b>	Various sleep disorders such as narcolepsy, obstructive sleep apnea, shift work sleep disorder
<b>Asmanex</b>	Asthma
<b>Aubagio</b>	Multiple Sclerosis
<b>Avandamet</b>	Diabetes
<b>Avandia</b>	Diabetes
<b>Banzel</b>	Seizures
<b>Basaglar Kwikpen</b>	Diabetes
<b>Benzefoam, Benzefoam Ultra</b>	Acne
<b>benzoyl peroxide 5.3% foam (Benzefoam)</b>	Acne
<b>benzoyl peroxide 9.8% foam (Benzefoam Ultra)</b>	Acne

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<b>benzoyl peroxide towelette (Triaz)</b>	Acne
<b>benzoyl peroxide 5%/clindamycin 1% gel w pump (Benzaclin)</b>	Acne
<b>Betaseron</b>	Multiple Sclerosis
<b>bimatoprost 0.03% drops (Lumigan)</b>	Glaucoma
<b>Binosto</b>	Osteoporosis
<b>Bosulif</b>	Specific blood cancer (CML)
<b>Brintellix</b>	Depression
<b>Buphenyl</b>	Urea cycle disorder
<b>Bydureon</b>	Diabetes
<b>Byetta</b>	Diabetes
<b>Byalson</b>	Hypertension
<b>calcipotriene/betamethasone ointment (Taclonex)</b>	Psoriasis
<b>Cambia</b>	Migraine
<b>candesartan (Atacand)</b>	Hypertension
<b>candesartan-hctz (Atacand HCT)</b>	Hypertension
<b>Caprelsa</b>	Thyroid cancer
<b>Carbaglu</b>	Rare urea cycle disorder (NAGS deficiency)
<b>Cardura XL</b>	Benign prostatic hyperplasia
<b>clonidine er (Kapvay)</b>	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
<b>Coreg CR</b>	Heart failure
<b>Corlanor</b>	Heart failure
<b>Cuvposa</b>	Chronic drooling in children
<b>cyclobenzaprine 7.5mg tablet (Fexmid)</b>	Muscle spasm
<b>Cycloset</b>	Diabetes
<b>Daliresp</b>	COPD
<b>darifenacin (Enablex)</b>	Overactive bladder
<b>Desvenlafaxine ER</b>	Depression
<b>Dipentum</b>	Ulcerative colitis
<b>donepezil 23mg (Aricept)</b>	Alzheimer's disease
<b>Durlaza</b>	Coronary artery disease
<b>dutasteride/tamsulosin (Jalyn)</b>	Benign prostatic hyperplasia
<b>Dutoprol</b>	Hypertension
<b>Edarbi</b>	Hypertension
<b>Edarbyclor</b>	Hypertension
<b>Edluar</b>	Insomnia
<b>Elidel</b>	Allergic skin condition such as atopic dermatitis
<b>Eliquis</b>	Atrial fibrillation
<b>Emadine</b>	Allergic conjunctivitis
<b>Entresto</b>	Heart failure
<b>Epiduo, Epiduo Forte</b>	Acne
<b>eprosartan 600mg (Teveten)</b>	Hypertension
<b>Erivedge</b>	Skin cancer
<b>ethacrynic acid (Edecrin)</b>	Edema
<b>Exforge HCT</b>	Hypertension
<b>Extavia</b>	Multiple Sclerosis
<b>ezetimibe/simvastatin (Vytorin)</b>	High cholesterol and triglycerides
<b>Farxiga</b>	Diabetes

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<b>fenofibrate (Fenoglide, Lipofen)</b>	High cholesterol or triglyceride
<b>fenofibrate, micronized (Antara)</b>	High cholesterol or triglyceride
<b>Ferriprox</b>	Thalassemia
<b>Fetzima</b>	Depression
<b>fluticasone/salmeterol (Airduo Respiclick)</b>	Asthma
<b>fluvastatin (Lescol, Lescol XL)</b>	High cholesterol and triglyceride
<b>fluvoxamine er (Luvox CR)</b>	Social anxiety disorder, Obsessive compulsive disorder
<b>Foradil</b>	Asthma, COPD
<b>Forfivo XL</b>	Depression
<b>Fycompa</b>	Seizure
<b>Gelnique</b>	Overactive bladder
<b>Giazo</b>	Ulcerative colitis
<b>Gilotrif</b>	Lung cancer
<b>Glyxambi</b>	Diabetes
<b>Gralise</b>	Post herpetic neuralgia
<b>guanfacine er (Intuniv)</b>	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
<b>Horizant</b>	Restless leg syndrome
<b>ibandronate (Boniva)</b>	Osteoporosis
<b>imatinib (Gleevec)</b>	Various FDA approved cancer and other blood disorders
<b>Imbruvica</b>	Mantle cell lymphoma
<b>Inlyta</b>	Advanced renal cell carcinoma
<b>Invokamet, Invokamet XR</b>	Diabetes
<b>Invokana</b>	Diabetes
<b>Janumet, Janumet XR</b>	Diabetes
<b>Januvia</b>	Diabetes
<b>Jardiance</b>	Diabetes
<b>Jentadueto, Jentadueto XR</b>	Diabetes
<b>Khedezla</b>	Depression
<b>Kombiglyze XR</b>	Diabetes
<b>Korlym</b>	Cushing's syndrome
<b>lamivudine tablet (EpiVir HBV)</b>	Hepatitis B
<b>lamotrigine er, and odt (Lamictal XR, Lamictal ODT) (non start kit)</b>	Seizures
<b>Letairis</b>	Pulmonary arterial hypertension
<b>Levemir</b>	Diabetes
<b>Liptruzet</b>	High cholesterol and triglycerides
<b>Livalo</b>	High cholesterol
<b>Lyrica</b>	Diabetic peripheral neuropathy; Post herpetic neuralgia; Partial seizures; Fibromyalgia
<b>Mekinist</b>	Skin cancer
<b>mesalamine (Asacol HD)</b>	Ulcerative colitis
<b>metformin extended-release (Glumetza, Fortamet)</b>	Diabetes
<b>modafinil (Provigil)</b>	Various sleep disorders such as narcolepsy, obstructive sleep apnea, shift work sleep disorder
<b>Myrbetriq</b>	Overactive bladder
<b>Naprelan CR</b>	Inflammatory conditions

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<b>Nexavar</b>	Renal and liver cancers such as advanced renal cell carcinoma, and non-resectable hepatocellular carcinoma
<b>Oleptro ER</b>	Depression
<b>olmesartan (Benicar)</b>	Hypertension
<b>olmesartan/amlodipine (Azor)</b>	Hypertension
<b>olmesartan/amlodipine/hctz (Tribenzor)</b>	Hypertension
<b>olmesartan/hctz (Benicar HCT)</b>	Hypertension
<b>omega-3 acid ethyl esters (Lovaza)</b>	High triglycerides
<b>Onexton</b>	Acne vulgaris
<b>Onfi</b>	Seizure
<b>Onglyza</b>	Diabetes
<b>Opsumit</b>	Pulmonary arterial hypertension
<b>Orfadin</b>	Tyrosinemia Type 1
<b>Oxtellar XR</b>	Seizures
<b>Oxytrol</b>	Overactive bladder
<b>Pacnex HP</b>	Acne
<b>Pacnex LP</b>	Acne
<b>paliperidone (Invega)</b>	Schizophrenia
<b>Pennsaid</b>	Osteoarthritis of the knee
<b>Pentasa</b>	Ulcerative colitis
<b>Pexeva</b>	Depression
<b>pioglitazone/glimepiride (Duetact)</b>	Diabetes
<b>pioglitazone/metformin (Actoplus Met)</b>	Diabetes
<b>Pomalyst</b>	Multiple myeloma
<b>Pradaxa</b>	Atrial fibrillation
<b>Prestalia</b>	Hypertension
<b>Qudexy XR</b>	Seizures
<b>quetiapine er (Seroquel XR)</b>	Schizophrenia, Bipolar mania, Depression
<b>Ranexa</b>	Chest pain
<b>Rapaflo</b>	Benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH)
<b>Ravicti</b>	Urea cycle disorder
<b>Royaldee</b>	Hyperparathyroidism
<b>repaglinide/metformin (Prandimet)</b>	Diabetes
<b>Retin-A Micro 0.08%</b>	Acne
<b>Revatio suspension</b>	Pulmonary arterial hypertension
<b>risedronate 35mg (Atelvia)</b>	Osteoporosis
<b>risedronate 5mg, 35mg, 150mg (Actonel)</b>	Osteoporosis
<b>Rosula 10%-4.5% Wash</b>	Acne and other inflammatory skin conditions
<b>Rozerem</b>	Insomnia
<b>Rytary</b>	Parkinson's disease
<b>Savella (non titration pack)</b>	Fibromyalgia
<b>Seebri Neohaler</b>	COPD
<b>Selzentry</b>	HIV infection
<b>Sensipar</b>	Secondary hyperparathyroidism
<b>sildenafil tab (Revatio)</b>	Pulmonary arterial hypertension
<b>sodium phenylbutyrate powder (Buphenyl)</b>	Urea cycle disorder

<b>Drug</b>	<b>Usual Diagnosis</b>
Soliqua	Diabetes
Sorilux	Psoriasis
Spiriva, Spiriva Respimat	COPD, Asthma
Sprycel	Specific types of leukemia such as CML, ALL
Stiolto Respimat	COPD
Stivarga	Colorectal cancer
Striverdi Respimat	COPD
sulfacetamide 8%/sulfur 4% suspension (Sumaxin TS)	Acne and other inflammatory skin conditions
Sumaxin TS	Acne and other inflammatory skin conditions
Sutent	Renal and certain stomach cancers
Symlin, Symlinpen	Diabetes
Synjardy, Synjardy XR	Diabetes
tacrolimus ointment (Protopic)	Atopic dermatitis
Tafinlar	Skin cancer
Tanzeum	Diabetes
Tarceva	Lung and pancreatic cancer
Tasigna	Specific type of leukemia such as Ph+ CML
Tekamlo	Hypertension
Tekturna, Tekturna HCT	Hypertension
telmisartan (Micardis)	Hypertension
telmisartan/amlodipine (Twynsta)	Hypertension
telmisartan/hctz (Micardis HCT)	Hypertension
tetrabenazine (Xenazine)	Chorea related to Huntington's Disease
Thalomid	Leprosy, Multiple myeloma
tolterodine (Detrol)	Overactive bladder
tolterodine er (Detrol LA)	Overactive bladder
Toviaz	Overactive bladder
Tracleer	Pulmonary arterial hypertension
Tradjenta	Diabetes
Tresiba Flextouch	Diabetes
Treximet	Migraine
Triglide	High cholesterol and triglyceride
Trokendi XR	Seizures
Trulicity	Diabetes
Tykerb	Specific type of metastatic breast cancer
Tyzeka	Hepatitis B
Uloric	Gout
Ultravate 0.05% Lotion	Plaque Psoriasis
Uramaxin GT	Nail problems
Utibron Neohaler	COPD
Valchlor	Mycosis fungoides
Vascepa	High triglyceride
Vesicare	Overactive bladder
Victoza	Diabetes
Viiibryd (non titration pack)	Depression
Vimovo	Arthritis

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<b>Vimpat</b>	Seizures
<b>Vivlodex</b>	Osteoarthritis
<b>Votrient</b>	Renal cancer
<b>Vraylar</b> ( <i>non-dose pack</i> )	Schizophrenia, Bipolar mania
<b>Xadago</b>	Parkinson's disease
<b>Xalkori</b>	Lung cancer
<b>Xtandi</b>	Prostate cancer
<b>Xultophy</b>	Diabetes
<b>Zelboraf</b>	Skin cancer
<b>Ziana</b>	Acne
<b>Zipsor</b>	Mild to moderate pain
<b>Zolinza</b>	Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL)
<b>Zontivity</b>	Reduce the risk of heart attack or stroke
<b>Zorvolex</b>	Mild to moderate pain
<b>Zurampic</b>	Gout
<b>Zykadia</b>	Lung cancer
<b>Zytiga</b>	Prostate cancer

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