

December 2, 2020

Dear AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Provider,

**The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) will implement changes to the statewide preferred drug list (PDL) on January 5, 2021.\*** As a reminder, DHS required all Medical Assistance managed care organizations (MCOs) in the physical health HealthChoices and Community HealthChoices plans to move to the mandated statewide PDL. As such:

- AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania continues to adhere to the preferred and non-preferred status and list of drugs included in the statewide PDL.
  - **Please see [Appendix A](#) for a list of drugs that will be changing formulary status for AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania effective January 5, 2021.**
- AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania will continue to use the same prior authorization guidelines as required by DHS for drugs included in the statewide PDL.

**\*Important note: Please keep in mind that up until January 5, 2021, the current version of the statewide PDL is still in effect.**

**Reminder:**

- AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania will maintain a list of preferred and non-preferred drugs in classes that are not included in the statewide PDL. This is called the Supplemental Formulary.
- Medication classes that are not included in the statewide PDL are reviewed and approved by the AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.
- The process for obtaining prior authorization process remains the same. For more information about prior authorization go to:

Phone	1-866-610-2774
Fax	1-888-981-5202
Online	<a href="http://www.amerhealthcaritaspa.com">www.amerhealthcaritaspa.com</a> → Pharmacy

**Where can I see the changes?**

The up-to-date PDL is available on DHS's Pharmacy site at: <https://papdl.com/>

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Pharmacy Services at 1-866-610-2774.

Sincerely,



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**Appendix A: Statewide PDL drugs changing from Preferred to Non-preferred effective January 5, 2021**

Drug	Preferred alternative options*
<b>Acne agents</b>	
Azelex cream	Clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide 1.2%-5% gel (generic Duac, Neuac), adapalene-benzoyl peroxide 0.1%-2.5% gel pump (generic EpiDuo), Retin-A (brand) gel
Clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide 1%-5% gel, Differin 0.1% lotion	Adapalene-benzoyl peroxide 0.1%-2.5% gel pump (generic EpiDuo), Differin (brand) 0.1% gel, Retin-A (brand) gel
Claravis, Isotretinoin (generic) capsule	Amnesteem, Myorisan, Zenatane
Sulfacetamide sodium-sulfur 10%-5% cleanser	Sulfacetamide sodium-sulfur 8%-4% suspension or 9%-4.5% wash, adapalene-benzoyl peroxide 0.1%-2.5% gel pump (generic EpiDuo)
<b>Other Topical agents</b>	
Calcitriol ointment, Vectical ointment	Calcipotriene cream, ointment, solution
Sklice	Natroba, Permethrin 5% cream, Piperonyl Butoxide/Pyrethrins/Permethrin Kit (OTC) (Lice Solutions Kit)
Synera patch	Lidocaine cream, ointment, solution
<b>Hematologic agents</b>	
Aranesp, Mircera	Retacrit, Epogen
Udenyca	Fulphila
<b>Other Injectable and Biologic agents</b>	
Byetta, Bydureon	Ozempic, Trulicity, Victoza
Cosentyx	Enbrel, Humira, Taltz
Gel-one syringe, Hymovis syringe	Sodium hyaluronate (generic), Euflexxa, Hyalgan
<b>Ophthalmic agents</b>	
Acuvail	Ketorolac drops, Ilevro, Nevanac
Lotemax drops	Ketorolac drops, Lotemax ointment, prednisolone
Moxeza	Ciprofloxacin, Gentak, ofloxacin
<b>Other agents</b>	
Clorazepate dipotassium tablet	Chlordiazepoxide, diazepam, lorazepam
Diclegis	Bonjesta
Gengraf capsule, Sandimmune capsule	Cyclosporine capsule, cyclosporine (modified) softgel or solution
Didanosine DR capsule, Stavudine	Abacavir, lamivudine, zidovudine
Hemocytel Plus capsule	Virt-Gard
Hemocytel-F tablet	Ferrex 150 Forte, Folivane-F, Iferex
Hydrocodone-ibuprofen tablet	Hydrocodone-acetaminophen tablet, oxycodone-acetaminophen tablet
Savella	Duloxetine, gabapentin, pregabalin
Tirosint	Levothyroxine (generic), Levoxyl

\*Not an all-inclusive list, and some drugs may be subject to additional limits.

For a complete list of Preferred and Nonpreferred drugs to be included in the 2021 Statewide PDL, as well as any limits associated with these drugs, please visit <https://papdl.com>.