

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania and AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania (PA) Community HealthChoices (CHC) Providers

Date: December 1, 2021

RE: Changes to the Preferred Drug List (PDL)

Dear AmeriHealth Caritas PA/AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC Provider,

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) will implement changes to the statewide preferred drug list (PDL) on January 3, 2022.* 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 PA and AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC 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 PA and AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC effective January 3, 2022.**
- AmeriHealth Caritas PA/AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC 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 3, 2022, the current version of the statewide PDL is still in effect.**

Reminder:

- AmeriHealth Caritas PA/AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC 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 PA/AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.
- The process for obtaining prior authorization process remains the same. For more information about prior authorization go to:

Prior Authorization Request by:	AmeriHealth Caritas PA	AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC
Phone	1-866-610-2774	1-888-674-8720
Fax	1-888-981-5202	1-855-851-4058
Online	www.amerhealthcaritasp.com → Pharmacy	www.amerhealthcaritaschc.com → Providers → Pharmacy Services.

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 PA Pharmacy Services at 1-866-610-2774 or AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC Pharmacy Services at 1-888-674-8720.

Sincerely,



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Appendix A: Statewide PDL drugs changing from Preferred to Non-preferred effective January 3, 2022

Drug	Preferred alternative options*
ANTIBIOTICS, INHALED	
Kitabis	Tobramycin
ANTIEMETICS/ANTIVERTIGO AGENTS	
Bonjesta ER	Diclegis Tablet, Metoclopramide, Ondansetron
ANTIHYPERURICEMICS	
Colchicine capsules	Colchicine tablet
COLONY STIMULATING FACTORS	
Fulphila	Ziextenzo
Nivestym	Granix, Neupogen
CONTRACEPTIVES, OTHER	
Zafemy Patch	Xulane Patch
Eluryng & Etonogestrel EE Vaginal Ring	Nuvaring
HIV/AIDS ANTIRETROVIRALS	
Kaletra	Lopinavir-Ritonavir
HYPOGLYCEMICS, INCRETIN MIMETICS/ENHANCERS	
Ozempic	Trulicity, Victoza
HYPOGLYCEMICS, INSULIN AND RELATED AGENTS	
Humalog Mix 75-25 Kwikpen	Insulin Lispro Protamine Mix 75-25 Pen
Humulin 70/30 Kwikpen	Humulin 70-30 Vial
Humulin R 100 UNIT/ML	Novolin R Vial
Novolog 100 UNIT/ML	Insulin Aspart Penfill Cartridge, Apidra, Insulin Lispro
Novolog MIX 70-30 Flexpen, vial	Insulin Aspart Protamine-Insulin Aspart 70-30 Pen, Vial
IMMUNOMODULATORS, ATOPIC DERMATITIS	
Pimecrolimus 1% Cream	Elidel Cream
MACROLIDES	
E.E.S. Suspension, ERYPED Suspension	Azithromycin, Clarithromycin
MIGRAINE ACUTE TREATMENT AGENTS	
Zomig Nasal Spray	Imitrex, Sumatriptan, Zolmitriptan Nasal Spray
MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES - ANTI-IL, ANTI-IGE	
Nucala	Dupixent, Xolair, Fasenra
OPHTHALMICS, ANTIBIOTIC-STEROID COMBINATIONS	
Zylet Eye Drops	Tobradex Drops, Neomycin-Polymyxin-Dexamethasone Drops

*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 2022 Statewide PDL, as well as any limits associated with these drugs, please visit <https://papdl.com>.