

Your prescription benefit updates

Formulary Updates - Effective January 1, 2021

Medications are grouped by the conditions they treat. Each medication is placed in a tier that shows the amount you will pay for that prescription. This is decided by your employer or health plan. Please use this chart as you review these updates.



Tier 1
Lowest-cost medications



Tier 2
Midrange-cost medications



Tier 3
Highest-cost medications

Medications moving to a lower tier

The following medications are moving to a lower tier, making them more affordable.

Therapeutic use	Medication name	Tier placement
Antigout Agents	COLCHICINE TAB 0.6MG	EXC to Tier 1
Dermatological Agents - Drugs for Skin Conditions	FINACEA GEL 15%	EXC to Tier 3
Diabetes - Glucose Monitoring	CONTOUR TEST STRIP	EXC to Tier 2
	CONTOUR NEXT TEST STRIP	EXC to Tier 2
	CONTOUR KIT	EXC to Tier 2
	CONTOUR NEXT KIT	EXC to Tier 2
	CONTOUR NEXT EZ KIT	EXC to Tier 2
	CONTOUR NEXT ONE KIT	EXC to Tier 2
	CONTOUR HIGH CONTROL SOL	EXC to Tier 2
	CONTOUR LOW CONTROL SOL	EXC to Tier 2
	CONTOUR NORM CONTROL SOL	EXC to Tier 2
	CONTOUR NEXT CONTROL SOLUTION LEVEL 1	EXC to Tier 2
	CONTOUR NEXT CONTROL SOLUTION LEVEL 2	EXC to Tier 2
	CONTOUR LINK 2.4 KIT	EXC to Tier 2
	CONTOUR NEXT LINK KIT	EXC to Tier 2

Medications moving to a higher tier

These medications are moving to a higher tier and will cost more because there are other lower-cost options. If your medication is listed below, you may still take it, but you may pay a higher cost. Please talk to your doctor about lower-cost option(s) to see if they will work for you.

Therapeutic use	Medication name	Tier placement	Lower-cost medications
Antineoplastics - Drugs for Cancer	ISTODAX INJ 10MG	Tier 2 to Tier 3	Please talk to your doctor about other option(s)
	ROMIDEPSIN INJ 10MG	Tier 2 to Tier 3	Please talk to your doctor about other option(s)
Dermatological Agents - Drugs for Skin Conditions	MIRVASO GEL	Tier 2 to Tier 3	Please talk to your doctor about other option(s)
	SOOLANTRA CR	Tier 2 to Tier 3	metronidazole cr, rosadan cr, azelaic acid gel
Immunological Agents - Drugs for Immune System Stimulation or Suppression	HYPERRAB INJ 300UNIT, 1500UNIT	Tier 2 to Tier 3	Please talk to your doctor about other option(s)
	HYPERRAB S/D INJ 150U/ML, 300U/2ML	Tier 2 to Tier 3	Please talk to your doctor about other option(s)
	IMOGAM RABIES INJ 150U/ML, 300U/2ML	Tier 2 to Tier 3	Please talk to your doctor about other option(s)
	KEDRAB INJ 150U/ML, 300U/2ML	Tier 2 to Tier 3	Please talk to your doctor about other option(s)
Ophthalmic Agents - Drugs for Glaucoma	RHOPRESSA OP SOL	Tier 2 to Tier 3	latanoprost op sol, travoprost op sol, bimatoprost op sol
	ROCKLATAN OP SOL	Tier 2 to Tier 3	dorzolamide/timolol op sol, COMBIGAN OP SOL, SIMBRINZA OP SOL

Medications moving to exclusion

The following excluded medications will not be covered by your plan.

Therapeutic use	Medication name	Tier placement	Lower-cost medications
Anti-Addiction / Substance Abuse Treatment Agents	EVZIO INJ 2/0.4ML	Tier 3 to EXC	NARCAN
Antidepressants	BUPROPION HYDROCHLORIDE TAB 450MG XL	Tier 2 to EXC	bupropion hcl tab XL
	FORFIVO XL TAB 450MG	Tier 3 to EXC	bupropion hcl tab XL
Antigout Agents	COLCRYS TAB 0.6MG	Tier 2 to EXC	colchicine tab
Antiparasitics	PLAQUENIL TAB 200MG	Tier 2 to EXC	hydroxychloroquine
Antivirals	DESCOVY TAB 200/25	Tier 3 to EXC	Please talk to your doctor about other option(s)
	TRUVADA TAB 100-150MG, 133-200MG, 167-250MG, 200-300MG	Tier 2 to EXC	Please talk to your doctor about other option(s)
Blood Products / Modifiers / Volume Expanders - Drugs for Bleeding Disorders	UDENYCA INJ 6MG/.6ML	Tier 3 to EXC	NEULASTA, ZIEXTENZO
Cardiovascular Agents - Drugs for Heart and Circulation Conditions	LIVALO TAB 1MG, 2MG, 4MG	Tier 3 to EXC	atorvastatin, fluvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin
Central Nervous System Agents - Drugs for Multiple Sclerosis	REBIF INJ 22/0.5, 44/0.5	Tier 3 to EXC	AVONEX, BETASERON
	REBIF REBIDOSE INJ 22/0.5, 44/0.5	Tier 3 to EXC	AVONEX, BETASERON
	REBIF INJ TITRATION PACK	Tier 3 to EXC	AVONEX, BETASERON

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Central Nervous System Agents - Drugs for Multiple Sclerosis	REBIF REBIDOSE INJ TITRATION PACK	Tier 3 to EXC	AVONEX, BETASERON
Central Nervous System Agents - Miscellaneous	CONTRAVE TAB 8-90MG	Tier 2 to EXC	QSYMIA, SAXENDA, phentermine
Dermatological Agents - Drugs for Skin Conditions	AVITA CR 0.025%, GEL 0.025%	Tier 1 to EXC	tretinoin cr, tretinoin gel
	TRIANEX OINT 0.05%	Tier 1 to EXC	hydrocortisone valerate, triamcinolone acetonide
Diabetes - Glucose Monitoring	ONETOUCH ULTRA TEST STRIP	Tier 2 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	ONETOUCH ULTRA BLUE TEST STRIP	Tier 2 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	ONETOUCH VERIO TEST STRIP	Tier 2 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	ONETOUCH ULTRA LINK SYSTEM(HEX) KIT	Tier 3 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	ONETOUCH ULTRA MINI KIT	Tier 2 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	ONETOUCH ULTRA 2 KIT	Tier 2 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	ONETOUCH VERIO KIT	Tier 2 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	ONETOUCH VERIO FLEX KIT	Tier 2 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	ONETOUCH VERIO IQ KIT	Tier 2 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	ONETOUCH VERIO REFLECT KIT	Tier 2 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	ONETOUCH VERIO SYNC KIT	Tier 2 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	ONETOUCH ULTRA CONTROL SOL	Tier 3 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT

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Diabetes - Glucose Monitoring	ONETOUCH VERIO CONTROL SOL	Tier 3 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	ONETOUCH VERIO-HI CONTROL SOL	Tier 3 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	SURESTEP CONTROL SOL	Tier 3 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	SURESTEP GLU SOL	Tier 3 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	SURESTEP GLU SOL HIGH/LOW	Tier 3 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	SURESTEP PRO TEST HIGH CONTROL SOL	Tier 3 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
	SURESTEP PRO TEST NORM CONTROL SOL	Tier 3 to EXC	CONTOUR, CONTOUR NEXT
Gastrointestinal Agents - Drugs for Bowel, Intestine and Stomach Conditions	OSMOPREP TAB 1.5GM	Tier 3 to EXC	Clenpiq, Gavilyte-N, PEG 3350-kcl-sod bicarb-nacl, Prepopik, Suprep
	PLENVU SOL	Tier 3 to EXC	Clenpiq, Gavilyte-N, PEG 3350-kcl-sod bicarb-nacl, Prepopik, Suprep
Genetic or Enzyme Disorder - Drugs for Replacement, Modification, Treatment	EXONDYS 51 SOL 100/2ML, 500/10ML	Tier 3 to EXC	dexamethasone, methylprednisolone, prednisone
Hormonal Agents - Men's Health	AVEED INJ 750/3ML	Tier 3 to EXC	testosterone, ANDRODERM, XYOSTED
	NATESTO GEL 5.5MG	Tier 3 to EXC	testosterone, ANDRODERM, XYOSTED
	TESTOPEL PELLETS	Tier 3 to EXC	testosterone, ANDRODERM, XYOSTED
Respiratory Tract / Pulmonary Agents - Drugs for Asthma and Other Lung Conditions	ALBUTEROL SULFATE HFA	Tier 3 to EXC	albuterol HFA inhaler

Therapeutic use	Medication name	Tier placement	Lower-cost medications
Respiratory Tract / Pulmonary Agents - Drugs for Asthma and Other Lung Conditions	INCRUSE ELLIPTA	Tier 2 to EXC	SPIRIVA CAP HANDIHALER
	LEVALBUTEROL TARTRATE HFA	Tier 3 to EXC	albuterol HFA inhaler
	PROAIR DIGIHALER 108MCG	Tier 3 to EXC	albuterol HFA inhaler
	PROAIR HFA	Tier 2 to EXC	albuterol HFA inhaler
	PROAIR RESPICLICK	Tier 2 to EXC	albuterol HFA inhaler
	PROVENTIL HFA	Tier 3 to EXC	albuterol HFA inhaler
	VENTOLIN HFA	Tier 2 to EXC	albuterol HFA inhaler
	XOPENEX HFA	Tier 3 to EXC	albuterol HFA inhaler



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