

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina 5 Tier Essential Formulary Updates



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TRADE NAME (generic name) or generic name	Brand/ Generic Product	Effective Date	Description of Change
ACTEMRA (tocilizumab subcutaneous soln prefilled syringe 162 mg/0.9ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
ACTEMRA ACTPEN (tocilizumab subcutaneous soln auto-injector 162 mg/0.9ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
ADALIMUMAB-AATY 1-PEN KIT (adalimumab-aaty auto-injector kit 40 mg/0.4ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
ADALIMUMAB-AATY 1-PEN KIT (adalimumab-aaty auto-injector kit 80 mg/0.8ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
ADALIMUMAB-AATY 2-PEN KIT (adalimumab-aaty auto-injector kit 40 mg/0.4ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
ADALIMUMAB-AATY 2-SYRINGE KIT (adalimumab-aaty prefilled syringe kit 20 mg/0.2ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
ADALIMUMAB-AATY 2-SYRINGE KIT (adalimumab-aaty prefilled syringe kit 40 mg/0.4ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
ADALIMUMAB-ADAZ (adalimumab-adaz soln auto-injector 40 mg/0.4ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
ADALIMUMAB-ADAZ (adalimumab-adaz soln prefilled syringe 40 mg/0.4ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
ADDERALL XR (amphetamine-dextroamphetamine cap er 24hr 10 mg)	Brand	10/11/24	Addition, Tier 3 - generics available
ADDERALL XR (amphetamine-dextroamphetamine cap er 24hr 15 mg)	Brand	10/11/24	Addition, Tier 3 - generics available
ADDERALL XR (amphetamine-dextroamphetamine cap er 24hr 20 mg)	Brand	10/11/24	Addition, Tier 3 - generics available
ADDERALL XR (amphetamine-dextroamphetamine cap er 24hr 25 mg)	Brand	10/11/24	Addition, Tier 3 - generics available
ADDERALL XR (amphetamine-dextroamphetamine cap er 24hr 30 mg)	Brand	10/11/24	Addition, Tier 3 - generics available
ADDERALL XR (amphetamine-dextroamphetamine cap er 24hr 5 mg)	Brand	10/11/24	Addition, Tier 3 - generics available
ADULT MASK (respiratory therapy supplies - devices)	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 4
amantadine hcl cap 100 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
amantadine hcl soln 50 mg/5ml	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2
ampicillin cap 500 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
atropine sulfate ophth soln 1%	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
AUGMENTIN (amoxicillin & k clavulanate for susp 125-31.25 mg/5ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
AUGTYRO (reprotrectinib cap 160 mg)	Brand	11/10/24	Addition, Tier 5
azithromycin for susp 200 mg/5ml	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for ZITHROMAX
bisoprolol & hydrochlorothiazide tab 10-6.25 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2
bisoprolol & hydrochlorothiazide tab 2.5-6.25 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2
bisoprolol & hydrochlorothiazide tab 5-6.25 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2
bisoprolol fumarate tab 10 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
bisoprolol fumarate tab 5 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
brimonidine tartrate-timolol maleate ophth soln 0.2-0.5%	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
bromfenac sodium ophth soln 0.09% (base equiv) (once-daily)	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
bumetanide tab 0.5 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for BUMEX
bumetanide tab 1 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
bumetanide tab 2 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
buprenorphine td patch weekly 10 mcg/hr	Generic	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for BUTRANS
buprenorphine td patch weekly 15 mcg/hr	Generic	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for BUTRANS
buprenorphine td patch weekly 20 mcg/hr	Generic	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for BUTRANS
buprenorphine td patch weekly 5 mcg/hr	Generic	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for BUTRANS
buprenorphine td patch weekly 7.5 mcg/hr	Generic	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for BUTRANS
butalbital-acetaminophen-caffeine tab 50-325-40 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for ESGIC
carbidopa & levodopa tab 10-100 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for SINEMET

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carbidopa & levodopa tab 25-100 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for SINEMET
carbidopa & levodopa tab 25-250 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
cefuroxime axetil tab 250 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
cefuroxime axetil tab 500 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
cephalexin tab 500 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
CERVIDIL (dinoprostone vaginal inserts 10 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
CETRAXAL (ciprofloxacin hcl otic soln 0.2% (base equivalent))	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
cholestyramine powder packets 4 gm	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
ciclopirox olamine cream 0.77% (base equiv)	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
ciprofloxacin hcl otic soln 0.2% (base equivalent)	Generic	11/20/24	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for CETRAXAL
clarithromycin tab 250 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
clarithromycin tab 500 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
clomiphene citrate tab 50 mg	Generic	11/21/24	Moved to Tier 2
clotrimazole w/ betamethasone cream 1-0.05%	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
CORLANOR (ivabradine hcl tab 5 mg (base equiv))	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
CORLANOR (ivabradine hcl tab 7.5 mg (base equiv))	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
CROTAN (crotamiton lotion 10%)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
dasatinib tab 100 mg	Generic	9/27/24	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for SPRYCEL
dasatinib tab 140 mg	Generic	9/27/24	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for SPRYCEL
dasatinib tab 20 mg	Generic	9/27/24	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for SPRYCEL
dasatinib tab 50 mg	Generic	9/27/24	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for SPRYCEL
dasatinib tab 70 mg	Generic	9/27/24	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for SPRYCEL
dasatinib tab 80 mg	Generic	9/27/24	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for SPRYCEL
deferasirox tab for oral susp 125 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 5 - generic for EXJADE
deferasirox tab for oral susp 250 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 5 - generic for EXJADE
deferasirox tab for oral susp 500 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 5 - generic for EXJADE
dexamethasone tab 1 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
diclofenac potassium tab 50 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
diltiazem hcl coated beads cap er 24hr 360 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
diltiazem hcl tab er 24hr 180 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
diltiazem hcl tab er 24hr 240 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
diltiazem hcl tab er 24hr 300 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
diltiazem hcl tab er 24hr 360 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
diltiazem hcl tab er 24hr 420 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
diphenoxylate w/ atropine tab 2.5-0.025 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for LOMOTIL
doxercalciferol cap 0.5 mcg	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
doxercalciferol cap 1 mcg	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
doxercalciferol cap 2.5 mcg	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary

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EMSAM (selegiline td patch 24hr 12 mg/24hr)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
EMSAM (selegiline td patch 24hr 6 mg/24hr)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
EMSAM (selegiline td patch 24hr 9 mg/24hr)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
ENDARI (glutamine (sickle cell) powd pack 5 gm)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
ERGOTAMINE TARTRATE/CAFFEINE (ergotamine w/ caffeine tab 1-100 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
estradiol gel 0.06% (0.75 mg/1.25 gm metered-dose pump)	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
estradiol td gel 0.25 mg/0.25gm (0.1%)	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
estradiol td gel 0.5 mg/0.5gm (0.1%)	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
estradiol td gel 0.75 mg/0.75gm (0.1%)	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
estradiol td gel 1 mg/gm (0.1%)	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
estradiol td gel 1.25 mg/1.25gm (0.1%)	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
estradiol vaginal cream 0.1 mg/gm	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for ESTRACE
FABHALTA (iptacopan hcl cap 200 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
FENTANYL CITRATE ORAL TRANSMUCOSAL (fentanyl citrate lozenge on a handle 1600 mcg)	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 4
FENTANYL CITRATE ORAL TRANSMUCOSAL (fentanyl citrate lozenge on a handle 200 mcg)	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 4
FENTANYL CITRATE ORAL TRANSMUCOSAL (fentanyl citrate lozenge on a handle 400 mcg)	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 4
FENTANYL CITRATE ORAL TRANSMUCOSAL (fentanyl citrate lozenge on a handle 600 mcg)	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 4
FENTANYL CITRATE ORAL TRANSMUCOSAL (fentanyl citrate lozenge on a handle 800 mcg)	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 4
flavoxate hcl tab 100 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
fludrocortisone acetate tab 0.1 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
FLUORIDEX SENSITIVITY RELIEF (sodium fluoride-potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
FLUORIDEX SENSITIVITY RELIEF/SLS FREE (sodium fluoride-potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
flurbiprofen tab 100 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2
fluticasone propionate cream 0.05%	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
FREESTYLE LIBRE 2 PLUS/SENSOR/FLASH GLUCOSE MONITOR SYSTEM (continuous glucose system sensor)	Brand	10/6/24	Addition, Tier 4
FT BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR SERIES 200/ARM (blood pressure monitoring - device)	Brand	9/29/24	Addition, Tier 2
FT BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR SERIES 600/ARM (blood pressure monitoring - device)	Brand	9/29/24	Addition, Tier 2
FT BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR SERIES 100/STETHOSCOPE/MANUAL/ARM (blood pressure monitoring - kit)	Brand	9/29/24	Addition, Tier 2
gabapentin tab 600 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for NEURONTIN
gabapentin tab 800 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for NEURONTIN
glycopyrrolate tab 1 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for ROBINUL

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glycopyrrolate tab 2 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for ROBINUL FORTE
hydrocodone bitart-homatropine methylbromide tab 5-1.5 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE/ACETAMINOPHEN (hydrocodone-acetaminophen tab 2.5-325 mg)	Brand	12/4/24	Addition, Tier 3
hydrocortisone perianal cream 2.5%	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for ANUSOL-HC
hydroxychloroquine sulfate tab 100 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
hydroxychloroquine sulfate tab 200 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for PLAQUENIL
hydroxychloroquine sulfate tab 300 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
hydroxychloroquine sulfate tab 400 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
HYPERTENSION CARE (blood pressure monitoring kit w/ device & digital app)	Brand	9/15/24	Addition, Tier 2
IHEALTH EASE BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR (blood pressure monitoring kit w/ device & digital app)	Brand	9/22/24	Addition, Tier 2
IHEALTH NEO WIRELESS BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR (blood pressure monitoring kit w/ device & digital app)	Brand	9/22/24	Addition, Tier 2
IHEALTH TRACK SMART BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR (blood pressure monitoring kit w/ device & digital app)	Brand	9/22/24	Addition, Tier 2
indomethacin cap er 75 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
isoniazid tab 100 mg	Generic	11/4/24	Moved to Tier 2
isosorbide dinitrate tab 40 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
isradipine cap 2.5 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
KERENDIA (finerenone tab 10 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
KERENDIA (finerenone tab 20 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
labetalol hcl tab 100 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
labetalol hcl tab 200 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
labetalol hcl tab 300 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
lamivudine oral soln 10 mg/ml	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for EPIVIR
levetiracetam tab 1000 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for KEPPRA
levetiracetam tab 250 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for KEPPRA
levetiracetam tab 500 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for KEPPRA
levetiracetam tab 750 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for KEPPRA
lidocaine-prilocaine cream 2.5-2.5%	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
liothyronine sodium tab 25 mcg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for CYTOMEL
liothyronine sodium tab 5 mcg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for CYTOMEL
liothyronine sodium tab 50 mcg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for CYTOMEL
LUMAKRAS (sotorasib tab 240 mg)	Brand	11/10/24	Addition, Tier 5
LUMRYZ STARTER PACK (sodium oxybate pack for er susp 4.5 & 6 & 7.5 gm starter pak)	Brand	10/6/24	Addition, Tier 5
mefenamic acid cap 250 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
mesalamine tab delayed release 800 mg	Generic	8/27/24	Moved to Tier 2
methadone hcl tab 10 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2
methadone hcl tab 5 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2

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minocycline hcl cap 50 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
mirabegron tab er 24 hr 25 mg	Generic	12/15/24	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for MYRBETRIQ
mirabegron tab er 24 hr 50 mg	Generic	12/15/24	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for MYRBETRIQ
mometasone furoate cream 0.1%	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
MYHIBBIN (mycophenolate mofetil oral susp 200 mg/ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
MYRBETRIQ (mirabegron tab er 24 hr 25 mg)	Brand	10/16/24	Moved to Tier 2 - generics available
MYRBETRIQ (mirabegron tab er 24 hr 50 mg)	Brand	10/16/24	Moved to Tier 2 - generics available
nabumetone tab 500 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
nabumetone tab 750 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
nadolol tab 20 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
nadolol tab 40 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
nadolol tab 80 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
naloxone hcl inj 0.4 mg/ml	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
naloxone hcl inj 4 mg/10ml	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
nitrofurantoin macrocrystalline cap 100 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for MACRODANTIN
nitrofurantoin macrocrystalline cap 50 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for MACRODANTIN
NIVA THYROID (thyroid tab 120 mg (2 grain))	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 3
NIVA THYROID (thyroid tab 15 mg (1/4 grain))	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 3
NIVA THYROID (thyroid tab 30 mg (1/2 grain))	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 3
NOVAVAX COVID-19 VACCINE/2024-25 (covid-19 subunit vacc-novavax im susp pref syr 5 mcg/0.5ml)	Brand	9/5/24	Addition, Tier 3
NP THYROID 120 (thyroid tab 120 mg (2 grain))	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 3
NP THYROID 15 (thyroid tab 15 mg (1/4 grain))	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 3
NP THYROID 30 (thyroid tab 30 mg (1/2 grain))	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 3
nystatin topical powder 100000 unit/gm	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
OJEMDA (tovorafenib for oral susp 25 mg/ml)	Brand	12/1/24	Addition, Tier 5
OJEMDA (tovorafenib tab 100 mg)	Brand	12/1/24	Addition, Tier 5
OMVOH (mirikizumab-mrkz subcutaneous sol prefill syringe 100 mg/ml)	Brand	10/1/24	Addition, Tier 5
OMVOH (mirikizumab-mrkz subcutaneous soln auto-injector 100 mg/ml)	Brand	10/1/24	Addition, Tier 5
phenylephrine hcl ophth soln 10%	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
phenylephrine hcl ophth soln 2.5%	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
pot phos monobasic w/sod phos di & monobas tab 155-852-130mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for K-PHOS NEUTRAL
PRADAXA (dabigatran etexilate mesylate pellet pack 110 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
PRADAXA (dabigatran etexilate mesylate pellet pack 150 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
PRADAXA (dabigatran etexilate mesylate pellet pack 20 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
PRADAXA (dabigatran etexilate mesylate pellet pack 30 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
PRADAXA (dabigatran etexilate mesylate pellet pack 40 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
PRADAXA (dabigatran etexilate mesylate pellet pack 50 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary

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prednisolone acetate ophth susp 1%	Generic	10/13/24	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for PRED FORTE
prednisolone sodium phosphate oral soln 25 mg/5ml (base eq)	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
PREVIDENT RINSE (sodium fluoride rinse 0.2%)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
primidone tab 250 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for MYSOLINE
primidone tab 50 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for MYSOLINE
PROCHECK BLUETOOTH BLOODPRESSURE MONITOR (blood pressure monitoring - kit)	Brand	9/15/24	Addition, Tier 2
proparacaine hcl ophth soln 0.5%	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
propranolol hcl cap er 24hr 120 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for INDERAL LA
propranolol hcl cap er 24hr 160 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for INDERAL LA
propranolol hcl cap er 24hr 60 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for INDERAL LA
propranolol hcl cap er 24hr 80 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for INDERAL LA
REXTOVY (naloxone hcl nasal spray 4 mg/0.25ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
SIMLANDI (adalimumab-ryvk prefilled syringe kit 40 mg/0.4ml)	Brand	12/1/24	Addition, Tier 5
sodium chloride soln nebu 3%	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
sodium chloride soln nebu 7%	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for HYPERSAL
SODIUM FLUORIDE (sodium fluoride soln 0.5 mg/ml f (from 1.1 mg/ml naf))	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 4
SODIUM FLUORIDE 5000 PPM ENAMEL PROTECT (sodium fluoride-potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
SODIUM FLUORIDE 5000 PPMSENSITIVE (sodium fluoride-potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
SODIUM FLUORIDE/POTASSIUM NITRATE/SENSITIVE (sodium fluoride-potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
sotalol hcl (afib/af) tab 120 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for BETAPACE AF
sotalol hcl (afib/af) tab 160 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for BETAPACE AF
sotalol hcl (afib/af) tab 80 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for BETAPACE AF
SPEVIGO (spesolimab-sbzo subcutaneous soln pref syr 150 mg/ml)	Brand	12/1/24	Addition, Tier 5
SPS (sodium polystyrene sulfonate rectal susp 30 gm/120ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 4
sulfadiazine tab 500 mg	Generic	10/1/24	Moved to Tier 2
sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim susp 200-40 mg/5ml	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
sulindac tab 150 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2
sulindac tab 200 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2
tadalafil tab 20 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for CIALIS
TAVNEOS (avacopan cap 10 mg)	Brand	11/1/24	Addition, Tier 5
tazarotene cream 0.05%	Generic	9/15/24	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for TAZORAC
telmisartan tab 20 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for MICARDIS
telmisartan tab 40 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for MICARDIS
telmisartan tab 80 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for MICARDIS

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testosterone td soln 30 mg/act	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
tetracaine hcl ophth soln 0.5%	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
THEOPHYLLINE ER (theophylline tab er 12hr 100 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
THEOPHYLLINE ER (theophylline tab er 12hr 200 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
THYROID (thyroid tab 120 mg (2 grain))	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 3
THYROID (thyroid tab 15 mg (1/4 grain))	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 3
THYROID (thyroid tab 30 mg (1/2 grain))	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 3
TRANDOLAPRIL/VERAPAMIL HCL ER (trandolapril-verapamil hcl tab er 1-240 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
TRANDOLAPRIL/VERAPAMIL HCL ER (trandolapril-verapamil hcl tab er 2-180 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
TRANDOLAPRIL/VERAPAMIL HCL ER (trandolapril-verapamil hcl tab er 2-240 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
TRANDOLAPRIL/VERAPAMIL HCL ER (trandolapril-verapamil hcl tab er 4-240 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
TREMFYA (guselkumab soln auto-injector 200 mg/2ml)	Brand	10/3/24	Addition, Tier 5
TREMFYA (guselkumab soln prefilled syringe 200 mg/2ml)	Brand	10/3/24	Addition, Tier 5
trihexyphenidyl hcl tab 5 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
trimethoprim tab 100 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for TRIMETHOPRIM
TRUQAP (capivasertib tab therapy pack 160 mg)	Brand	10/6/24	Addition, Tier 5
TRUQAP (capivasertib tab therapy pack 200 mg)	Brand	10/6/24	Addition, Tier 5
TYENNE (tocilizumab-aazg subcutaneous soln auto-inj 162 mg/0.9ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
TYENNE (tocilizumab-aazg subcutaneous soln pref syr 162 mg/0.9ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
valsartan-hydrochlorothiazide tab 160-12.5 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for DIOVAN HCT
valsartan-hydrochlorothiazide tab 160-25 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for DIOVAN HCT
valsartan-hydrochlorothiazide tab 320-12.5 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for DIOVAN HCT
valsartan-hydrochlorothiazide tab 320-25 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for DIOVAN HCT
valsartan-hydrochlorothiazide tab 80-12.5 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for DIOVAN HCT
VELTASSA (patiomer sorbitex calcium for susp packet 1 gm (base eq))	Brand	9/15/24	Addition, Tier 3
VERAPAMIL HCL ER (verapamil hcl cap er 24hr 300 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
VERAPAMIL HCL SR (verapamil hcl cap er 24hr 360 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Removed from formulary
VRAYLAR (cariprazine hcl cap 1.5 mg (base equivalent))	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 3
VRAYLAR (cariprazine hcl cap 3 mg (base equivalent))	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 3
VRAYLAR (cariprazine hcl cap 4.5 mg (base equivalent))	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 3
VRAYLAR (cariprazine hcl cap 6 mg (base equivalent))	Brand	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 3
WINREVAIR (sotatercept-csrk for subcutaneous soln kit 2 x 45 mg)	Brand	12/1/24	Addition, Tier 5
WINREVAIR (sotatercept-csrk for subcutaneous soln kit 2 x 60 mg)	Brand	12/1/24	Addition, Tier 5
WINREVAIR (sotatercept-csrk for subcutaneous soln kit 45 mg)	Brand	12/1/24	Addition, Tier 5
WINREVAIR (sotatercept-csrk for subcutaneous soln kit 60 mg)	Brand	12/1/24	Addition, Tier 5
XOLREMDI (mavorixafor cap 100 mg)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 5

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zolpidem tartrate tab er 12.5 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for AMBIEN CR
zolpidem tartrate tab er 6.25 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for AMBIEN CR
zonisamide cap 100 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for ZONEGRAN
zonisamide cap 25 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for ZONEGRAN
zonisamide cap 50 mg	Generic	1/1/25	Moved to Tier 1
ZYMFENTRA 1-PEN (infliximab-dyyb soln auto-injector kit 120 mg/ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
ZYMFENTRA 2-PEN (infliximab-dyyb soln auto-injector kit 120 mg/ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
ZYMFENTRA 2-SYRINGE (infliximab-dyyb soln prefilled syringe kit 120 mg/ml)	Brand	1/1/25	Addition, Tier 5