

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
ADDERALL XR (amphetamine-dextroamphetamine cap er 24hr 10 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
ADDERALL XR (amphetamine-dextroamphetamine cap er 24hr 15 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
ADDERALL XR (amphetamine-dextroamphetamine cap er 24hr 20 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
ADDERALL XR (amphetamine-dextroamphetamine cap er 24hr 25 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
ADDERALL XR (amphetamine-dextroamphetamine cap er 24hr 30 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
ADDERALL XR (amphetamine-dextroamphetamine cap er 24hr 5 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
AFLURIA 2025-2026 (influenza virus vaccine split im susp)	Brand	7/13/25	Addition, Tier 3
AFLURIA 2025-2026 (influenza virus vaccine split pf susp pref syringe 0.5 ml)	Brand	7/13/25	Addition, Tier 3
ALYFTREK (vanzacaptor-tezacaptor-deutivacaptor tab 10-50-125 mg)	Brand	6/30/25	Addition, Tier 5
ALYFTREK (vanzacaptor-tezacaptor-deutivacaptor tab 4-20-50 mg)	Brand	6/30/25	Addition, Tier 5
APTOM (eslicarbazepine acetate tab 200 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
APTOM (eslicarbazepine acetate tab 400 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
APTOM (eslicarbazepine acetate tab 600 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
APTOM (eslicarbazepine acetate tab 800 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
BETAMETHASONE VALERATE (betamethasone valerate lotion 0.1% (base equivalent))	Brand	10/1/25	Moved to Tier 4
bosentan tab for oral susp 32 mg	Generic	8/17/25	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for TRACLEER
BRILINTA (ticagrelor tab 60 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
BRILINTA (ticagrelor tab 90 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
BRUKINSA (zanubrutinib tab 160 mg)	Brand	8/24/25	Addition, Tier 5
CHLOROQUINE PHOSPHATE (chloroquine phosphate tab 250 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Moved to Tier 4
COMIRNATY 2025-26 (covid-19 mna vac tris-pfizer im susp pref syr 30 mcg/0.3ml)	Brand	8/31/25	Addition, Tier 3
COMIRNATY/5-11Y/2025-26 (covid-19 mna vac tris-s 5-11y-pfizer im susp 10 mcg/0.3ml)	Brand	8/31/25	Addition, Tier 3
COMPLERA (emtricitabine-rilpivirine-tenofovir df tab 200-25-300 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
CONCERTA (methylphenidate hcl tab er osmotic release (osm) 18 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
CONCERTA (methylphenidate hcl tab er osmotic release (osm) 27 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
CONCERTA (methylphenidate hcl tab er osmotic release (osm) 36 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
CONCERTA (methylphenidate hcl tab er osmotic release (osm) 54 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
CRENESSITY (crinicerfont cap 100 mg)	Brand	8/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
CRENESSITY (crinicerfont cap 25 mg)	Brand	8/1/25	Addition, Tier 5

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CRENESSITY (crinecerfont cap 50 mg)	Brand	8/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
CRENESSITY (crinecerfont oral soln 50 mg/ml)	Brand	8/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
CTEXLI (chenodiol tab 250 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
DESMOPRESSIN ACETATE (desmopressin acetate nasal spray soln 0.01%)	Brand	10/1/25	Moved to Tier 4
DEXCOM G7 15 DAY SENSOR (continuous glucose system sensor)	Brand	8/31/25	Addition, Tier 3
drospirenone-ethinyl estrad-levomefolate tab 3-0.03-0.451 mg	Generic	8/11/25	Moved to Tier 1 - generic for SAFYRAL
EFAVIRENZ/LAMIVUDINE/TENOFOVIR DISOPROXIL FUMARATE (efavirenz-lamivudine-tenofovir df tab 400-300-300 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Moved to Tier 3
EPOGEN (epoetin alfa inj 10000 unit/ml)	Brand	7/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
EPOGEN (epoetin alfa inj 2000 unit/ml)	Brand	7/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
EPOGEN (epoetin alfa inj 20000 unit/ml)	Brand	7/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
EPOGEN (epoetin alfa inj 3000 unit/ml)	Brand	7/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
EPOGEN (epoetin alfa inj 4000 unit/ml)	Brand	7/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
FANAPT TITRATION PACK B (iloperidone tab 1 mg & 2 mg & 6 mg & 8 mg titration pak)	Brand	7/6/25	Addition, Tier 4
FANAPT TITRATION PACK C (iloperidone tab 1 mg & 2 mg & 6 mg titration pak)	Brand	7/6/25	Addition, Tier 4
fidaxomicin tab 200 mg	Generic	8/8/25	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for DIFICID
FLUAD 2025-2026 (influenza vac type a&b surface ant adj susp pref syr 0.5 ml)	Brand	7/13/25	Addition, Tier 3
FLUARIX 2025-2026 (influenza virus vaccine split pf susp pref syringe 0.5 ml)	Brand	7/13/25	Addition, Tier 3
FLUBLOK 2025-2026 (influenza virus vacc recombinant ha pf soln pref syr 0.5 ml)	Brand	7/13/25	Addition, Tier 3
FLUCELVAX 2025-2026 (influenza virus vac tiss-cult subunit im susp)	Brand	7/13/25	Addition, Tier 3
FLUCELVAX 2025-2026 (influenza virus vac tiss-cult subunit susp pref syr 0.5 ml)	Brand	7/13/25	Addition, Tier 3
FLULAVAL 2025-2026 (influenza virus vaccine split pf susp pref syringe 0.5 ml)	Brand	7/13/25	Addition, Tier 3
FLUMIST NASAL VACCINE 2025-2026 (influenza virus vaccine live intranasal liquid)	Brand	7/13/25	Addition, Tier 3
FLURBIPROFEN (flurbiprofen tab 100 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Moved to Tier 4
FLUZONE 2025-2026 (influenza virus vaccine split im susp)	Brand	7/13/25	Addition, Tier 3
FLUZONE 2025-2026 (influenza virus vaccine split pf susp pref syringe 0.5 ml)	Brand	7/13/25	Addition, Tier 3
FLUZONE HIGH-DOSE 2025-2026 (influenza virus vac split high-dose pf susp pref syr 0.5ml)	Brand	7/13/25	Addition, Tier 3
FREESTYLE CONTROL SOLUTION (blood glucose calibration - liquid)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
FREESTYLE CONTROL SOLUTION HIGH/LOW (blood glucose calibration - liquid)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
FREESTYLE INSULINX BLOODGLUCOSE TEST STRIPS (glucose blood test strip)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
FREESTYLE LITE TEST STRIPS (glucose blood test strip)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
FREESTYLE PRECISION NEO BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS (glucose blood test strip)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
FREESTYLE TEST STRIPS (glucose blood test strip)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
FYCOMPA (perampanel tab 10 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
FYCOMPA (perampanel tab 12 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
FYCOMPA (perampanel tab 2 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
FYCOMPA (perampanel tab 4 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available

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FYCOMPA (perampanel tab 6 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
FYCOMPA (perampanel tab 8 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
GOMEKLI (mirdametininib cap 1 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
GOMEKLI (mirdametininib cap 2 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
GOMEKLI (mirdametininib tab for oral susp 1 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
hydrocortisone sodium succinate pf for inj 100 mg	Generic	8/1/25	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for SOLU-CORTEF
ivermectin cream 1%	Generic	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for SOOLANTRA
KERENDIA (finerenone tab 40 mg)	Brand	8/15/25	Addition, Tier 3
liraglutide (weight mngmt) soln pen-inj 18 mg/3ml (6 mg/ml)	Generic	8/31/25	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for SAXENDA
MEDISENSE GLUCOSE KETONECONTROL SOLUTION 1-NORMAL (blood glucose calibration - liquid)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
MEDISENSE HIGH/MID/LOW CONTROL SOLUTION (blood glucose calibration - liquid)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
MNEXSPIKE COVID-19 VACCINE/2025-26 (covid-19 mna vaccine-moderna im susp pref syr 10 mcg/0.2ml)	Brand	7/20/25	Addition, Tier 3
MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE/6MO-11Y/2025-26 (covid-19 mna vac 6mo-11yr-moderna im susp pfs 25 mcg/0.25ml)	Brand	7/27/25	Addition, Tier 3
OMVOH (mirikizumab-mrkz subcutaneous auto-inj 100 mg/ml & 200mg/2ml)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
OMVOH (mirikizumab-mrkz subcutaneous pref syr 100 mg/ml & 200mg/2ml)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
ONETOUCH ULTRA (glucose blood test strip)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary
ONETOUCH ULTRA BLUE TESTSTRIP (glucose blood test strip)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary
ONETOUCH ULTRA CONTROL (blood glucose calibration - liquid)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary
ONETOUCH ULTRA CONTROL SOLUTION (blood glucose calibration - liquid)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary
ONETOUCH ULTRA TEST STRIPS (glucose blood test strip)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary
ONETOUCH VERIO LEVEL 3 CONTROL SOLUTION (blood glucose calibration - liquid)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary
ONETOUCH VERIO LEVEL 4 CONTROL SOLUTION (blood glucose calibration - liquid - high)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary
ONETOUCH VERIO TEST STRIPS (glucose blood test strip)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary
OPTIUMEZ TEST STRIPS (glucose blood test strip)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
PENMENVY (meningococcal acwy (oligo conj)-mening b (rcmb) vacc for inj)	Brand	8/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
phentermine hcl tab 8 mg	Generic	9/3/25	Moved to Tier 2
PRECISION GLUCOSE KETONECONTROL SOLUTION 1-LOW, 1-HIGH (blood glucose calibration - liquid)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
PRECISION SOF-TACT TEST STRIPS (glucose blood test strip)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
PRECISION XTRA BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS (glucose blood test strip)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 3
PREZCOBIX (darunavir-cobicistat tab 675-150 mg)	Brand	8/17/25	Addition, Tier 3
PROCRIT (epoetin alfa inj 10000 unit/ml)	Brand	7/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
PROCRIT (epoetin alfa inj 2000 unit/ml)	Brand	7/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
PROCRIT (epoetin alfa inj 20000 unit/ml)	Brand	7/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
PROCRIT (epoetin alfa inj 3000 unit/ml)	Brand	7/1/25	Addition, Tier 5

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PROCRIT (epoetin alfa inj 40000 unit/ml)	Brand	7/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
PROMACTA (eltrombopag olamine powder pack for susp 12.5 mg (base eq))	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
PROMACTA (eltrombopag olamine powder pack for susp 25 mg (base equiv))	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
PROMACTA (eltrombopag olamine tab 12.5 mg (base equiv))	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
PROMACTA (eltrombopag olamine tab 25 mg (base equiv))	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
PROMACTA (eltrombopag olamine tab 50 mg (base equiv))	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
PROMACTA (eltrombopag olamine tab 75 mg (base equiv))	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
QSYMIA (phentermine hcl-topiramate cap er 24hr 11.25-69 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
QSYMIA (phentermine hcl-topiramate cap er 24hr 15-92 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
QSYMIA (phentermine hcl-topiramate cap er 24hr 3.75-23 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
QSYMIA (phentermine hcl-topiramate cap er 24hr 7.5-46 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
rivaroxaban for susp 1 mg/ml	Generic	7/6/25	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for XARELTO
ROMVIMZA (vimseltinib cap 14 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
ROMVIMZA (vimseltinib cap 20 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
ROMVIMZA (vimseltinib cap 30 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
sacubitril-valsartan tab 24-26 mg	Generic	8/10/25	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for ENTRESTO
sacubitril-valsartan tab 49-51 mg	Generic	8/10/25	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for ENTRESTO
sacubitril-valsartan tab 97-103 mg	Generic	8/10/25	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for ENTRESTO
SOLU-CORTEF (hydrocortisone sodium succinate pf for inj 100 mg)	Brand	8/1/25	Addition, Tier 4 - generics available
SOOLANTRA (ivermectin cream 1%)	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
SPEVIGO (spesolimab-sbzo subcutaneous soln pref syr 300 mg/2ml)	Brand	8/3/25	Addition, Tier 5
SPIKEVAX COVID-19 VACCINE/2025-26 (covid-19 mrna vaccine-moderna im susp pref syr 50 mcg/0.5ml)	Brand	7/20/25	Addition, Tier 3
TASIGNA (nilotinib hcl cap 150 mg (base equivalent))	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
TASIGNA (nilotinib hcl cap 200 mg (base equivalent))	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
TASIGNA (nilotinib hcl cap 50 mg (base equivalent))	Brand	10/1/25	Removed from formulary - generics available
TRYNGOLZA (olezarsen sod subcut soln auto-inject 80 mg/0.8ml (base eq))	Brand	8/1/25	Addition, Tier 5
VANRAFIA (atrasentan hcl tab 0.75 mg)	Brand	10/1/25	Addition, Tier 5