



Pharmacy Program Changes Effective Jan. 1, 2014

Standard Formulary Additions

Based on the availability of new prescription medications and Prime's National Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee's review of changes in the pharmaceuticals market, some revisions were made to the standard BCBSIL formulary effective Jan 1, 2014.

Brand Medications Added to the Formulary Effective Jan. 1, 2014	
Formulary Brand[†]	Drug Class/Condition Used For
Breo Ellipta	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
Enbrel	Rheumatoid Arthritis and Other Autoimmune Disorders
Lotemax ophth gel	Topical Eye Anti-infective
Mekinist	Cancer
Rixubis	Hemophilia
Simbrinza	Glaucoma
Tafinlar	Cancer
Tecfidera	Multiple Sclerosis
Tivicay	Antiviral
Voltaren gel	Topical Treatment for Pain

Standard Formulary Dispensing Limit Changes

BCBSIL's standard prescription drug benefit program includes coverage limits on certain medications and drug categories. Dispensing limits are based on U.S. FDA-approved dosage regimens and product labeling.

Effective Jan. 1, 2014, dispensing limits were added for the following drugs:	
Drug Class and Medication*	Dispensing Limit
Birth Control	
Nuvaring ring (etonogestrel/ethinyl estradiol)	1 ring/21 days
Cushing's Disease	
Signifor inj (pasireotide)	60 mL/30 days
Familial Hypercholesterolemia	
Juxtapid 5 mg, 10 mg caps (lomitapide)	60 caps/30 days
Juxtapid 15 mg, 20 mg caps (lomitapide)	90 caps/30 days
Kynamro inj (mipomersen)	4 injections (4 mL)/28 days
Mental Health Agents	
Clozaril 25 mg, 50 mg tabs (clozapine)	90 tabs/30 days
Clozaril 100 mg tabs (clozapine)	270 tabs/30 days
Clozaril 200 mg tabs (clozapine)	120 tabs/30 days
Fanapt tabs (iloperidone)	60 tabs/30 days
Fanapt Titration Pak (iloperidone)	1 pack (8 tabs)/4 days
Fazaclo 12.5 mg, 100 mg tabs (clozapine)	90 tabs/30 days
Fazaclo 25 mg tabs (clozapine)	270 tabs/30 days
Fazaclo 150 mg tabs (clozapine)	180 tabs/30 days

Fazaclo 200 mg tabs (clozapine)	120 tabs/30 days
Geodon caps (ziprasidone)	60 caps/30 days
Invega 1.5 mg, 3 mg, 9 mg tabs (paliperidone)	30 tabs/30 days
Invega 6 mg tabs (paliperidone)	60 tabs/30 days
Risperdal 0.25 mg, 0.5 mg, 1 mg, 2 mg, 4 mg tabs (risperidone)	120 tabs/30 days
Risperdal 3 mg tabs (risperidone)	60 tabs/30 days
Risperdal 1 mg/mL soln (risperidone)	480 mL/30 days
Risperdal M-Tab 0.25 mg, 0.5 mg, 1 mg, 2 mg, 3 mg tabs (risperidone ODT)	60 tabs/30 days
Risperdal M-Tab 4 mg tabs (risperidone ODT)	120 tabs/30 days
Saphris tabs (asenapine sublingual)	60 tabs/30 days
Seroquel 25 mg, 50 mg tabs (quetiapine)	180 tabs/30 days
Seroquel 100 mg tabs (quetiapine)	120 tabs/30 days
Seroquel 200 mg tabs (quetiapine)	90 tabs/30 days
Seroquel 300 mg, 400 mg tabs (quetiapine)	60 tabs/30 days
Seroquel XR 50 mg, 300 mg, 400 mg tabs (quetiapine ext-release)	60 tabs/30 days
Seroquel XR 150 mg, 200 mg tabs (quetiapine ext-release)	30 tabs/30 days
Zyprexa 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 7.5 mg, 10 mg tabs (olanzapine)	60 tabs/30 days
Zyprexa 15 mg, 20 mg tabs (olanzapine)	30 tabs/30 days
Zyprexa Zydis tabs (olanzapine ODT)	30 tabs/30 days
Nausea and Vomiting	
Emend 40 mg caps (aprepitant)	2 caps/30 days
Emend 80 mg caps (aprepitant)	6 caps/30 days
Emend 125 mg caps (aprepitant)	3 caps/30 days
Zofran 24 mg tabs (ondansetron)	1 tab/30 days
Pain	
ConZip caps (tramadol ext-release)	30 caps/30 days
Embeda caps (morphine/naltrexone)	60 caps/30 days
Exalgo (hydromorphone ext-release)	30 tabs/30 days
Kadian (morphine ext-release)	60 caps/30 days
MS Contin tabs (morphine ext-release)	90 tabs/30 days
Opana ER tabs (oxymorphone ext-release)	60 tabs/30 days
Oramorph SR tabs (morphine ext-release)	90 tabs/30 days
Rybix ODT tabs (tramadol ODT)	240 tabs/30 days
Respiratory Agents	
Alvesco inhaler (ciclesonide)	1 inhaler/Rx
Flovent Diskus 50 mcg/inhalation, 100 mcg/inhalation inhaler (fluticasone)	1 inhaler/Rx
Flovent HFA 44 mcg/actuation, 110 mcg/actuation inhaler (fluticasone)	1 inhaler/Rx
Pulmicort Respules 0.25 mg/2 mL, 0.5 mg/2 mL inhal susp (budesonide)	120 mL/Rx
Pulmicort Respules 1 mg/2 mL inhal susp (budesonide)	60 mL/Rx
Xopenex 0.31 mg/3 mL, 0.63 mg/3 mL, 1.25 mg/3 mL inhal soln (levalbuterol)	4 boxes (288 mL)/Rx
Various Skin Conditions	
Picato 0.015% gel (ingenol)	3 tubes/90 days
Picato 0.05% gel (ingenol)	2 tubes/90 days
Zyclara 2.5%, 3.75% crm (imiquimod)	7.5 g/Rx; 15 g/6 months
Zyclara 3.75% packets (imiquimod)	28 packets/Rx; 56 packets/6 months

Standard Utilization Management Program Package Changes

Effective Jan. 1, 2014, the drug categories listed in the table below were added to the Prior Authorization program for all standard benefit plans upon renewal.

Drug Categories Added for the Prior Authorization Program, Effective Jan. 1, 2014	
Drug Category	Targeted Medications*
Cushing's Disease	Signifor
Familial Hypercholesterolemia	Juxtapid, Kynamro
Short Bowel Syndrome	Gattex
Urea Cycle Disorders	Buphenyl, Ravicti

For the most up-to-date list of drug dispensing limits, visit the [Pharmacy Program/Dispensing Limits section](#) of our website.

Targeted mailings were sent to members affected by changes and dispensing limits per our usual process of notifying members at least 60 days prior to implementation.

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