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Drugs That Require Step Therapy (ST)

In some cases, **Express Scripts Medicare®** (PDP) requires you to first try certain drugs to treat your medical condition before we will cover another drug for that condition. For example, if Step 1 and Step 2 drugs both treat your medical condition, we may not cover the Step 2 drug unless you try the Step 1 drug first. If the Step 1 drug does not work for you, we will then cover the Step 2 drug.

You will need authorization from Express Scripts Medicare before filling prescriptions for the Step 2 drugs shown in the following chart. Express Scripts Medicare will only provide coverage after it determines that the drug is being prescribed according to the criteria specified in the chart.

To request a review, please have your physician visit the Express Scripts online portal at esrx.com/PA. You, your appointed representative or your prescriber can also request a review by calling Express Scripts Medicare toll free at **1.844.374.7377**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Customer Service is available in English and other languages. TTY users should call **1.800.716.3231**.

The formulary may change at any time. You will receive notice when necessary.

ANTIDEPRESSANTS - SEROTONIN/NOREPINEPHRINE REUPTAKE INHIBITORS (SNRI)

Products Affected

Step 2:

- Fetzima 120 mg capsule,extended release
- Fetzima 20 mg (2)-40 mg (26) capsule,extended release,24 hr,dose pack
- Fetzima 20 mg capsule,extended release
- Fetzima 40 mg capsule,extended release
- Fetzima 80 mg capsule,extended release
- Paxil 10 mg/5 mL oral suspension
- Viibryd 10 mg (7)-20 mg (23) tablets in a dose pack
- Viibryd 10 mg tablet
- Viibryd 20 mg tablet
- Viibryd 40 mg tablet

Details

Criteria	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Patients who are currently taking or who have taken brand name Fetzima at any time in the past and discontinued use may receive authorization without a trial of a step 1 product. Exceptions can be made for Fetzima without a trial of a step 1 drug if the patient has suicidal ideation.
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FEBUXOSTAT

Products Affected

Step 2:

- febuxostat 40 mg tablet
- febuxostat 80 mg tablet

Details

Criteria	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Authorization for febuxostat may be given if the patient is receiving concomitant medications that have significant drug-drug interactions with the Step 1 agent (allopurinol) which are not noted with febuxostat tablets (e.g., cyclosporine, chlorpropamide).
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GLAUCOMA AGENTS

Products Affected

Step 2:

- Rhopressa 0.02 % eye drops
- Rocklatan 0.02 %-0.005 % eye drops

Details

Criteria	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given.
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RYTARY

Products Affected -

Step 2:

- Rytary 23.75 mg-95 mg capsule,extended release
- Rytary 36.25 mg-145 mg capsule,extended release
- Rytary 48.75 mg-195 mg capsule,extended release
- Rytary 61.25 mg-245 mg capsule,extended release

Details

Criteria	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given.
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TRINTELLIX

Products Affected

Step 2:

- Trintellix 10 mg tablet
- Trintellix 20 mg tablet
- Trintellix 5 mg tablet

Details

Criteria	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Patients who are currently taking or who have taken a step 2 drug at any time in the past and discontinued their use may receive authorization without trials of step 1 drugs. For patients with suicidal ideation, step 1 drugs do not need to be tried.
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