



Preferred Drug List (PDL) Updates

On January 1, 2026, the below PDL updates will go into effect. Trial and failure of two preferred drugs are required unless only one preferred option is listed or is otherwise indicated on the PDL.

- Clinical criteria: [Outpatient Pharmacy Policies \(9, 9A, 9B, 9D and 9E\)](#)
- Prior authorization forms: [Pharmacy Prior Authorization Forms](#)
- NC Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL): [NC Medicaid Preferred Drug List](#)

Drug Name	Update	Preferred/Non-Preferred Status	Notes
hydrocodone-acetaminophen Solution (generic for Zolvit)	Add	Non-Preferred	
eslicarbazepine acetate Tablet (generic for Aptiom®)	Add	Non-Preferred	
perampanel Tablet (generic for Fycompa®)	Add	Non-Preferred	
Epidiolex® Solution	Move	Non-Preferred	Off-Cycle Change
Gabarone™ Tablet	Add	Non-Preferred	
Diastat® Rectal Gel	Add	Non-Preferred	
Oracea® capsule	Add	Non-Preferred	
nitroglycerin ointment (generic for Nitro-Bid®)	Add	Non-Preferred	

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Ticagrelor Tablet (generic for Brilinta®)	Add	Non-Preferred	
Qulipta® Tablet	Move	Preferred	
Merilog Solostar® Pen	Add	Non-Preferred	
Merilog™ Vial	Add	Non-Preferred	
sitagliptin / metformin ER Tablet (generic for Zituvimet®XR)	Add	Non-Preferred	
Brynovin™ Solution	Add	Non-Preferred	
Livmarli® Oral Solution/ Tablet	Add	Non-Preferred	
Urso Forte® Tablet	Add	Non-Preferred	
Tezruly™ Oral Solution	Add	Non-Preferred	
Ryzneuta® Syringe	Add	Non-Preferred	
eltrombopag olamine Suspension / Tablet (generic for Promacta®)	Add	Non-Preferred	

Levofloxacin Drops (Generic for Levaquin®)	Add	Non-Preferred	
Tryptyr® Drops	Add	Non-Preferred	
Jubbonti® Syringe	Add	Non-Preferred	
Bonsity Pen Injector	Add	Non-Preferred	
ClearAcylic / ClearAcylic Pro	Add	Non-Preferred	
diclofenac solution (generic for Pennsaid®)	Move	Preferred	
Pruradik™ Lotion	Add	Non-Preferred	
Zoryve® (roflumilast) 0.3% foam	Move	Non-Preferred	Category change: Moved to Psoriasis
Soolantra™ Cream	Add	Non-Preferred	
DermaSmoothe® FS Scalp and Body Oil	Move	Preferred	Off-Cycle Change
fluocinolone body / scalp oil (generic for DermaSmoothe® FS Scalp / Body Oil)	Move	Non-Preferred	Off-Cycle Change
Clobex® Spray	Add	Non-Preferred	

Carbaglu® Tablet for oral suspension	Add	Preferred	New Drug Class: Urea Cycle Disorder Treatments, Oral
Buphenyl® Tablet/Powder	Add	Non-Preferred	New Drug Class: Urea Cycle Disorder Treatments, Oral
carglumic acid Tablet for oral suspension (generic for Carbaglu®)	Add	Non-Preferred	New Drug Class: Urea Cycle Disorder Treatments, Oral
Olpruva™ Suspension	Add	Non-Preferred	New Drug Class: Urea Cycle Disorder Treatments, Oral
Pheburane® Oral Pellets	Add	Non-Preferred	New Drug Class: Urea Cycle Disorder Treatments, Oral
Ravicti® Liquid	Add	Non-Preferred	• New Drug Class: Urea Cycle Disorder Treatments, Oral • T/F of preferred drug is not required for Urea cycle disorder
sodium phenylbutyrate Tablet/Powder (generic for Buphenyl®)	Add	Non-Preferred	New Drug Class: Urea Cycle Disorder Treatments, Oral
phentermine/Topiramate Capsule (generic for Qsymia®)	Add	Non-Preferred	
Cibinqo™ Tablet	Move	Non-Preferred	Category change: Moved to IMMUNOMODULATORS, Atopic Dermatitis
Abigale™ Lo Tablet	Add	Non-Preferred	
Khindivi™ Solution	Add	Non-Preferred	

Tremfya® Syringe / Injector/ Vial / Pen Induction PK-Crohn	Add	Non-Preferred	
ustekinumab-aekn syringe (generic for Stelara® /Selarsdi B™)	Add	Non-Preferred	
Selarsdi™ Syringe	Add	Non-Preferred	
ustekinumab vial / syringe (generic for Stelara®)	Add	Non-Preferred	
Imuldosa™ Syringe/Vial	Add	Non-Preferred	
Steqeyma® Vial /Syringe	Add	Non-Preferred	
ustekinumab-ttwe vial / syringe (generic for Pyzchiva®)	Add	Non-Preferred	
Ilet Infusion Kit	Add	Preferred	
Ilet Starter Kit	Add	Preferred	

PRODUCT REMOVAL SUMMARY

The following products are being removed from the PDL due to manufacturer discontinuation of the product or removal from CMS' list of rebate-eligible products.

Mysoline Tablet	Fenoglide Tablet
Diastat Rectal Gel 2.5 mg	Lodosyn Tablet
Xifaxan Tablet	Tasmar Tablet

Solodyn ER Tablet	Arazlo Lotion
Ancobon Capsule	Atralin Gel
Aplenzin Tablet	Benzamycin Gel
Wellbutrin XL Tablets	Cabtreo Gel
Vasotec® Tablet	Klaron Lotion
Flolipid Suspension	Onexton Gel/Gel Pump
Isordil Tablet	Retin-A Cream/Gel
Cardizem CD Capsules	Retin-A Micro Pump Gel
Cardizem Tablet/LA Tablet	Ziana Gel
Tiazac Capsule	Ertaczo Cream
Zelapar ODT	Luzu Cream
Glumetza Tablet	Jublia Topical Solution
Pepcid Tablet	Xerese Cream
Zegerid Rx/Capsule/Package	Zovirax Cream/Ointment
Relistor Syringe/Vial/Tablet	Zovirax Cream/Ointment
Trulance Tablet	Duobrii Lotion
Apriso Capsule	Noritate Cream
Colazal Capsule	Bryhali Lotion
Uceris Tablet	Elidel Cream
Uceris Rectal Foam	Siliq Syringe
Acanya Gel Pump	Azasan Tablet
Altreno Lotion	

