

Medicare Part B preferred drug list — Aetna Medicare Advantage (MA) only plans

Some medically administered Part B drugs may have additional requirements or limits on coverage. These requirements and limits may include step therapy. This is when we require you to first try certain preferred drugs to treat your medical condition before covering another non-preferred drug for that condition.

For example, if Drug A and Drug B both treat your medical condition, we may prefer Drug A, and require you to try it first. If Drug A does not work for you, we will then cover Drug B. The listed preferred products should be used first. An exception process is in place for specific circumstances that may warrant a need for a non-preferred product.

Drug classes with preferred products are listed below. For specific medical indications subject to step therapy, please see the corresponding clinical policy bulletin on the Aetna website.

To find out more, go to aetna.com/partb-step. You can also call us using the number on your ID card.

Drug Class	Non-Preferred Product(s)	Preferred Product(s)
<i>Bone Resorption Inhibitors</i> • Osteoporosis	Evenity	Prolia Zoledronic acid
<i>Bone Resorption Inhibitors</i> • Hypercalcemia of malignancy	Xgeva	Pamidronate Zoledronic acid
<i>Botulinum Toxins</i> • Cervical dystonia • Upper limb spasticity	Botox Myobloc	Dysport Xeomin
<i>Botulinum Toxins</i> • Blepharospasm • Chronic sialorrhea	Botox Myobloc	Xeomin
<i>CSF — Leukocyte Growth Factors (filgrastim)</i> • Prevention of febrile neutropenia • Symptomatic neutropenic disorder • Harvesting of peripheral blood stem cells	Granix Neupogen Nivestym	Zarxio
<i>CSF — Leukocyte Growth Factors (pegfilgrastim)</i> • Prevention of febrile neutropenia	Nyvepria Ziextenzo	Fulphila Neulasta Neulasta Onpro Udenyca
<i>Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents</i> • Anemia due to chronic kidney disease	Epogen Procrit	Aranesp Mircera Retacrit

<i>Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents</i> • Anemia due to chemotherapy	Epogen Procrit	Aranesp Retacrit
<i>Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents</i> • Anemia due to Zidovudine use in HIV • Transfusion reduction for select surgeries		Retacrit
<i>Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone Antagonists</i> • Advanced prostate cancer		Firmagon
<i>Immunologics</i> • Crohn's disease • Pediatric Crohn's disease • Ulcerative colitis • Pediatric ulcerative colitis	Actemra Avsola Ilumya Inflectra Orencia Rituxan Stelara Truxima Tysabri	Entyvio Remicade Renflexis
<i>Immunologics</i> • Psoriasis		Remicade Renflexis
<i>Immunologics</i> • Ankylosing spondylitis • Psoriatic arthritis • Rheumatoid arthritis		Remicade Renflexis Simponi Aria
<i>IVIg (intravenous immunoglobulin)*</i> • Primary immunodeficiency • Idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura • Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy	Asceniv Bivigam Flebogamma Gammagard Gammaked Gammaplex Gamunex-C Octagam Panzyga	Privigen
<i>SCIG (subcutaneous immunoglobulin)*</i> • Primary immunodeficiency • Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy *IVIg and SCIG are one category. Use either preferred product before a non-preferred IVIg or SCIG.	Cutaquig Cuvitru Gammagard Gammaked Gamunex-C HyQvia Xembify	Hizentra
<i>Multiple Sclerosis</i>	Lemtrada	Tysabri
<i>Oncology (Abraxane)</i> • Non-small cell lung cancer	Abraxane	Docetaxel Paclitaxel

<i>Oncology (Herceptin)</i> • Breast cancer	Herzuma Ogivri Ontruzant	Herceptin Herceptin Hylecta Kanjinti Trazimera
<i>Oncology (Herceptin)</i> • Gastrointestinal cancer		Herceptin Kanjinti Trazimera
<i>Ophthalmic Disorders</i>	Beovu Eylea Lucentis	Avastin Mvasi Zirabev
<i>Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (Remodulin)</i>	Remodulin	Generic treprostinil
<i>Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (Flolan/Veletri)</i>	Flolan Veletri	Generic epoprostenol
<i>Viscosupplements (single injection)**</i> • Osteoarthritis	Durolane Monovisc	Gel-One Synvisc-One
<i>Viscosupplements (multiple injections)**</i> • Osteoarthritis **Viscosupplements are one category. Use any preferred product before a non-preferred single or multiple injection viscosupplement.	Euflexxa Gelsyn-3 GenVisc Hyalgan Hymovis Supartz TriVisc	Orthovisc Synvisc Visco-3

This list indicates the common uses for which the drug is prescribed. Some medicines are prescribed for more than one condition. For specific medical indications subject to step therapy, please see the corresponding clinical policy bulletin on the Aetna website.

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