

MEDICARE PART B STEP THERAPY DRUG LIST

The chart below lists non-preferred drugs with step therapy under Medicare Part B (medical). Step therapy requires you to try one or more (preferred) drugs first to treat your medical condition before another drug (non-preferred) is covered under your plan. Please refer to the drug specific policy for additional guidance.

Step therapy for Part B drugs applies to new starts only.

| Drug Category | Preferred Drugs | Non-Preferred Drugs |
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| Adult-Onset Still's Disease | Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Inhibitors (e.g. adalimumab, etanercept, infliximab) | Ilaris |
| Ankylosing Spondylitis | Avsola Inflectra Simponi Aria | Cimzia |
| Blood Disorders | Neulasta Udenyca | Fulphila Fylmetra Nyvepria Rolvedon Stimufend Ziextenzo |
| | Zarxio | Granix Neupogen Nivestym Nypozi Releuko |
| Chronic Rhinosinusitis with Nasal Polyps (CRSwNP) | mometasone nasal spray Xhance (Requires Prior Auth) | Nucala Xolair |
| Crohn's Disease | Avsola Entyvio Inflectra Stelara | Cimzia |
| Dislipidemics | Repatha | Leqvio |
| Gaucher Disease | Elelyso | VPRIV |
| Generalized Myasthenia Gravis | Ultomiris Vyvgart Vyvgart Hytrulo | Soliris/Bkemv/Epysqli |
| | Vyvgart Vyvgart Hytrulo | Ultomiris |
| Genetic Disease | Prolastin-C | Aralast NP Glassia Zemaira |
| Hemophilia B | Hemgenix | Beqvez |
| Hereditary Angioedema | Haegarda Takhzyro | Cinryze |

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| Inflammatory Diseases | Avsola Inflectra | Remicade Reneflexis unbranded infliximab |
| | Stelara | Otulfi Selarsdi Steqeyma ustekinumab-ttwe (Quallent) Wezlana (Optum-Nuvalia) Yesintek |
| Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis | Simponi Aria | Actemra Orencia Tofidence Tyenne |
| | Enbrel Hadlima Simlandi | Ilaris |
| Lupus | Benlysta (SQ administration) | Benlysta (IV administration) Saphnelo |
| Multiple Sclerosis | dimethyl fumarate fingolimod glatiramer Glatopa Kesimpta Rebif teriflunomide | Briumvi (D-SNP only) Tysabri (D-SNP only) |
| Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder | Enspryng Uplizna Ultomiris | Soliris/Bkemv/Epysqli |
| | Enspryng Uplizna | Ultomiris |
| | Enspryng | Uplizna |
| Oncology | paclitaxel | Abraxane* paclitaxel protein-bound* |
| | Mvasi Zirabev | Alymsys Avastin Vegzelma Zaltrap |
| | Velcade | Kyprolis |
| | Eligard Lupron Depot | Camcevi Leuprolide Depot 22.5 mg Vial |
| | Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr) Truxima (rituximab-abbs) | Riabni Rituxan Rituxan Hycela |
| | Kanjinti Trazimera | Herceptin Herceptin Hylecta Hercessi Herzuma Ogivri Ontruzant |

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| | zoledronic acid | Xgeva* |
| | Belrapzo bendamustine Bendeka Treanda | Vivimusta |
| | Alimta pemetrexed | Axtle Pemfexy Pemrydi RTU |
| | gemcitabine Gemzar | Infugem |
| | Erbitux | Vectibix |
| | Docetaxel (Taxotere) | Docivyx |
| | Adstiladrin Keytruda | Anktiva |
| | Reblozyl | Rytelo |
| | Velcade Bortezomib (J9041 and J9049) | Boruzu |
| Ophthalmic Agents | Avastin | Eylea Pavblu |
| | Avastin Eylea Pavblu | Eylea HD |
| | Avastin Byooviz Eylea Lucentis Pavblu | Vabysmo |
| Osteoarthritis | Euflexxa Synvisc Synvisc-One | Durolane Gel-One Gelsyn-3 Hyalgan Hymovis Monovisc Orthovisc Supartz FX Synojoynt Triluron Visco-3 |
| | Depo-Medrol (methylprednisolone acetate) Kenalog (triamcinolone acetonide) | Zilretta |
| Osteoporosis | biphosphonates (oral or injectable) | Prolia |
| | teriparatide | Evenity |
| Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria | Ultomiris | Soliris/Bkemv/Epysqli |

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| Psoriasis | Avsola Illumya Inflectra Stelara Tremfya | Cimzia |
| Psoriatic Arthritis | Avsola Inflectra Simponi Aria Stelara Tremfya | Cimzia Orencia |
| Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension | epoprostenol | Flolan Veletri |
| | treprostinil | Remodulin |
| Rare Diseases | Lanreotide acetate (J1930 or J1932) | Sandostatin LAR/octreotide intramuscular injection (generic Sandostatin LAR) Signifor LAR |
| | Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr) Truxima (rituximab-abbs) | Enjaymo |
| Rheumatoid Arthritis | Avsola Inflectra Simponi Aria | Actemra Cimzia Orencia Tofidence Tyenne |
| Sickle Cell Disease | Casgevy | Lyfgenia |

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