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2022 STEP THERAPY CRITERIA FOR PART B DRUGS

This list pertains to the following Providence Medicare Advantage Plans:

BRIDGE 1 + Rx (HMO-POS), BRIDGE 2 + Rx (HMO-POS), CHOICE + Rx 001 (HMO-POS), CHOICE + Rx 002 (HMO-POS), COMPASS + Rx (HMO-POS), COTTONWOOD + Rx (HMO-POS), DUAL PLUS (HMO D-SNP), ENRICH + Rx (HMO), EXTRA PART B ONLY + Rx (HMO), EXTRA + Rx 001 (HMO), EXTRA + Rx 002 (HMO), FOCUS MEDICAL (HMO), HARBOR + Rx (HMO), LATITUDE +Rx (HMO-POS), PINE + Rx (HMO), PRIME + Rx (HMO), SELECT MEDICAL (HMO-POS), SUMMIT + Rx (HMO-POS), TIMBER + Rx (HMO), ALIGN GROUP PLANS + RX (HMO), DISCOVER GROUP PLAN + RX (HMO-POS), EXPLORE GROUP PLAN + RX (HMO-POS)

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Medicare Part B Step Therapy

- Some medically administered Part B medications, like injectable drugs or biologics, may have special requirements or coverage limits, such as step therapy.
- Step therapy requires a trial of a preferred drug to treat a medical condition before covering a non-preferred drug.
- The step therapy requirement does not apply to members who have already received treatment with the non-preferred drug within the past 365 days.
- Both preferred and non-preferred drugs may still be subject to prior authorization or quantity limits.
- The step therapy criteria outlined in this document may also involve a combination of Part B and Part D drugs. For example, we may not cover a Part B drug unless you try a Part D drug first. Or, we may not cover a Part D drug unless you try a Part B drug first. This is dependent on the therapy described to treat your medical condition. This document contains the Step Therapy protocols for Medicare Part B drugs that are associated with your plan.

How Step Therapy Works

In the list below, you'll see drugs labeled as either Step 1 (Preferred drug), Step 2 (Non-Preferred drug) or Step 3 (Non-Preferred drug). Step 2 and Step 3 drugs require step therapy.
For example: Before you can get a Step 3 drug, you have to first try a Step 1 and a Step 2 drug.

Step 1 drugs usually require prior authorization. That means before you can take this drug, your doctor has to send us information that explains why you need it. If a Step 1 drug doesn't require prior authorization, we tell you in the list below.

Step 2 drugs always require prior authorization. Your doctor also needs to let us know one of the following:

- Why the Step 1 drug didn't work for you or why you can't take the Step 1 drug
- Why the Step 2 drug is best for your needs
- Details from your doctor to show that you've taken the Step 2 drug in the past 365 days

Step 3 drugs always require prior authorization. Your doctor also needs to let us know one of the following:

- Why the Step 1 and Step 2 drugs didn't work for you or why you can't take them.
- Why the Step 3 drug is best for your needs
- Details from your doctor to show that you've taken the Step 1 and/or the Step 2 drug in the past 365 days

The drugs within this list may change at any time. You will receive notice when necessary.

2022 Medicare Part B Step Therapy Drug List
*Prior Authorization required

HCPCS CODE	Non-Preferred Drug	Generic name	Prerequisite Drugs
Allergy And Asthma Agents			
J2357	XOLAIR*	Omalizumab	**For Asthma** - **Step 1**: combination of medium/high-dose inhaled corticosteroids **AND Step 2**: a long-acting inhaled beta2-agonist **For Idiopathic urticaria- Step 1:** second-generation non-sedating H1 antihistamine **AND Step 2: ONE** from the following classes: leukotiene receptor antagonists, first generation H1 antihistamine or histamine H2-receptor antagonist **For nasal polyps - Step 1:** oral systemic corticosteroids OR intranasal corticosteroids
Anti-Infective Agents			
J3490	PREVYMIS*	Letermovir	**Step 1: One of the following -** GVHD requiring greater than **or** equal to 1mg/kg/day use of prednisone (or equivalent), **or** lymphocyte depleting therapy (antithymocyte globulin [ATG], antithymocyte globulin equine [ATGAM], alemtuzumab, fludarabine) **Step 2:** rationale for not using the oral formulation
Endocrine Agents			
J2502	SIGNIFOR LAR*	Pasireotide pamoate	**For Acromegaly - Step 1:** Short-acting octreotide OR lanreotide subcutaneous depot*
J1930	SOMATULINE DEPOT*	Lanreotide acetate	**Step 1:** Short-acting octreotide
J2353	SANDOSTATIN LAR DEPOT*	Octreotide acetate, microspheres	**For Chemotherapy induced diarrhea – Step 1:** loperamide **AND Step 2:** Short-acting octreotide **For AIDS-related diarrhea – Step 1:** loperamide and diphenoxylate (Lomotil) **AND Step 2:** Short-acting octreotide
J3490	TESTOPEL*	Testosterone (pellet)	**Step 1:** Generic topical testosterone 1% or generic topical testosterone 1.62% pump **and** generic testosterone cypionate
J3145	AVEED*	Testosterone undecanoate	**Step 1:** Generic topical testosterone 1% or generic topical testosterone 1.62% pump **and** generic testosterone cypionate
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Hereditary Angioedema Agents			
J0597	BERINERT*	C1 esterase inhibitor	**Step 1:** generic icatibant*
J0596	RUCONEST*	C1 esterase inhibitor, recombinant	**Step 1:** generic icatibant*
J1290	KALBITOR*	Ecallantide	**Step 1:** generic icatibant*
J0598	CINRYZE*	C1 esterase inhibitor	**For HAE with normal C1-INH or HAE Type III: Step 1:** HAEGARDA*
IL-5 Inhibitors			
J2786	CINQAIR*	Reslizumab	**For eosinophilic asthma - Step 1:** oral glucocorticoids **or Step 2:** medium to high-dose inhaled corticosteroid plus long-acting inhaled beta2-agonist, leukotriene receptor antagonist
J0517	FASENRA*	Benralizumab	**For eosinophilic asthma - Step 1:** oral glucocorticoids **or Step 2:** medium to high-dose inhaled corticosteroid plus long-acting inhaled beta2-agonist, leukotriene receptor antagonist
J2181	NUCALA*	Mepolizumab	**For eosinophilic asthma - Step 1:** oral glucocorticoids **or Step 2:** medium to high-dose inhaled corticosteroid plus long-acting inhaled beta2-agonist, leukotriene receptor antagonist **For EGPA - Step 1:** glucocorticoid in combination with an immunosuppressant such as cyclophosphamide, azathioprine, methotrexate or mycophenolate mofetil) **Hyperesosinophilic Syndrome (HES) - Step 1: one** of the following: corticosteroids, immunosuppressive therapy, cytotoxic therapy
Migraine Agents			
J3032	VYEPTI*	Eptinezumab-jjmr	**Step 1: One of the following categories-** Anticonvulsants (i.e, divalproex, valproate, topiramate), Beta-blockers (i.e., metoprolol, propranolol, timolol), Antidepressants (i.e., amitriptyline, venlafaxine) **AND, Step 2:** TWO preferred CGRP agents (AIMOVIG* and EMGALITY*)
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Neurologic Agents			
J0202	LEMTRADA*	Alemtuzumab	**Step 1:** OCREVUS **AND Step 2: One of the following**: Interferon-Beta 1a, Interferon-Beta 1b, Generic Dimethyl Fumarate, Copaxone, Tysabri, Aubagio, Gilenya, Vumerity, Zeposia, OR Mayzent
J1300	SOLIRIS*	Eculizumab	**For gMG – Step 1:** TWO immunosuppressive therapies (ie. azathioprine, mycophenolate mofetil, cyclosporine and tacrolimus, corticosteroids) **OR** ONE immunosuppressive therapy of either IVIg* or plasma exchange **For NMOSD: Step 1:** a preferred rituximab product (RUXIENCE*, TRUXIMA*)
J1823	UPLIZNA*	Inebilizumab-cdon	**For NMOSD: Step 1:** a preferred rituximab product (RUXIENCE*, TRUXIMA*)
J2323	TYSABRI*	Natalizumab	**For Multiple Sclerosis - Step 1: ONE of the following:** Interferon-Beta 1a, Interferon-Beta 1b, Generic Dimethyl Fumarate, Copaxone, Aubagio, Gilenya, Zeposia, Mayzent OR OCREVUS **For Crohn's Disease – Step 1:** Humira* or preferred infliximab product (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)
Oncology Agents			
J9035	AVASTIN*	Bevacizumab	**Step 1:** ZIRABEV*, MVASI*
J9355	HERCEPTIN*	Trastuzumab	**Step 1:** KANJINTI*, OGIVRI*
Q5112	ONTRUZANT*	Trastuzumab-dttb	**Step 1:** KANJINTI*, OGIVRI*
J9356	HERCEPTIN* HYLECTA	Trastuzumab-hyaluronidase-oysk	**Step 1:** KANJINTI*, OGIVRI*
Q5113	HERZUMA*	Trastuzumab-pkrb	**Step 1:** KANJINTI*, OGIVRI*
Q5116	TRAZIMERA*	Trastuzumab-qyyp	**Step 1:** KANJINTI*, OGIVRI*
J9332	VYVGART*	Efgartigimod alfa - fcab	**For Generalized Myasthenia Gravis (gMG): Step 1:** at least two immunosuppressive agents (such as azathioprine, methotrexate, cyclosporine, mycophenolate, corticosteroids) or an intolerance or contraindication to these therapies
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Ophthalmic Agents			
J7351	DURYSTA*	Bimatoprost	Two ophthalmic products from TWO different pharmacological classes, one of which is an ophthalmic prostaglandin **Step 1 Drugs: Ophthalmic prostaglandins:** bimatoprost, latanoprost, travoprost, LUMIGAN, VYZULTA XELPROS **Step 2 Drugs: Ophthalmic beta-adrenergic blocking agents:** betaxolol, BETIMOL, carteolol, levobunolol, timolol maleate **Ophthalmic intraocular pressure lowering agents, other:** ALPHAGAN P, apraclonidine, brimonidine tartrate, brinzolamide, dorolamide, methazolamide, PHOSPHOLINE IODIDE, pilocarpine hcl, RHOPRESSA, SIMBRINZA
J0178	EYLEA*	Aflibercept	**Step 1:** Bevacizumab (For Ophthalmology Use)
J0179	BEOVU*	Brolucizumab-dbll	**Step 1:** Bevacizumab (For Ophthalmology Use) **And Step 2:** Eylea* (Aflibercept)
J2503	MACUGEN*	Pegaptanib sodium	**Step 1:** Bevacizumab (For Ophthalmology Use) **And Step 2:** Eylea* (Aflibercept)
J2778	LUCENTIS*	Ranibizumab	**Step 1:** Bevacizumab (For Ophthalmology Use) **And Step 2:** Eylea* (Aflibercept)
Rare Disease Agents			
J0224	OXLUMO*	Lumasiran sodium	**Step 1:** Pyridoxine
J0791	ADAKVEO*	Crizanlizumab-tmca	**Step 1:** Hydroxyurea
Rituximab			
J9312	RITUXAN*	Rituximab	**For Oncology use - Step 1:** a preferred rituximab product (RUXIENCE*, TRUXIMA*) **For Rheumatology use - Step 1:** Enbrel*, Humira, or preferred infliximab product (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)
J9311	RITUXAN HYCELA*	Rituximab/hyaluronidase, human recombinant	**For Oncology use - Step 1:** a preferred rituximab product (RUXIENCE*, TRUXIMA*)
Q5123	RIABNI*	Rituximab-arrx	**For Oncology use - Step 1:** a preferred rituximab product (RUXIENCE*, TRUXIMA*) **For Rheumatology use - Step 1:** Enbrel*, Humira*, or a preferred infliximab product (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)
Q5115	TRUXIMA*	Rituximab-abbs	**Step 1:** Preferred infliximab product (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)
Q5119	RUXIENCE*	Rituximab-pvvr	**Step 1:** Preferred infliximab product (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)
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Therapeutic Immunomodulators			
J0638	ILARIS*	Canakinumab/pf	**For SJIA and Adult-Onset Still's Disease:** **Step 1:** One of the following conventional therapies (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine) AND, **Step 2**: etanercept* And **Step 3**: adalimumab* **For Familial Mediterranean Fever (FMF) – Step 1:** Colchicine
J0129	ORENCIA*	Abatacept/maltose	**For Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis – Step 1:** At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine) **AND Step 2:** a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)
J1745	REMICADE*	Infliximab	**For Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis – Step 1:** At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine) **AND Step 2:** a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*) **For moderate to severe Plaque Psoriasis – Step 1:** At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate tazarotene, topical corticosteroids, calcitriol) **AND Step 2:** a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*) **For all other FDA-Approved indications – Step 1:** A preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)
Q5104	RENFLEXIS*	Infliximab-abda	**For Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis – Step 1:** At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine) **For moderate to severe plaque psoriasis – Step 1:** At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, tazarotene, topical corticosteroids, calcitriol)
Q5121	AVSOLA*	Infliximab-axxq	**For Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis – Step 1**: At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine) **AND Step 2:** a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*) **For moderate to severe Plaque Psoriasis – Step 1**: At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate tazarotene, topical corticosteroids, calcitriol) **AND Step 2:** a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)

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Therapeutic Immunomodulators			
Q5103	INFLECTRA*	Infliximab-dyyb	**For Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis Step 1:** At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine) **For moderate to severe plaque psoriasis – Step 1:** At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, tazarotene, topical corticosteroids, calcitriol)
J3245	ILUMYA*	Tildrakizumab-asmn	**For moderate to severe Plaque Psoriasis – Step 1:** At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate tazarotene, topical corticosteroids, calcitriol) **AND Step 2:** a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)
J3262	ACTEMRA*	Tocilizumab	**For Rheumatoid Arthritis – Step 1:** At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine) **AND Step 2:** a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*) **For Giant cell arteritis – Step 1:** At least one conventional therapy (e.g., systemic corticosteroid therapy)
J3380	ENTYVIO*	Vedolizumab	**For Crohn's disease only – Step 1: a** preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)
J1602	SIMPONI ARIA*	Golimumab	**For Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis – Step 1:** At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine) **AND Step 2:** a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*) **For ankylosing spondylitis – Step 1:** a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)
J3358	STELARA* (IV)	Ustekinumab	**For Crohn's disease and Ulcerative colitis – Step 1: a** preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)

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Diabetic Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

HCPCS CODE	Preferred Products	Non-Preferred Product Criteria
A4253	ONETOUCH BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS – MANUFACURED BY LIFESCAN ACCU-CHEK BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS - MANUFACTURED BY ROCHE	1. Patient is using and insulin pump that requires a meter that synchronizes with their pump. **OR** **2.** Physical or mental limitations that makes utilizing **BOTH** of the preferred products (manufactured by Roche and LifeScan) unsafe, inaccurate, or otherwise not feasible.
E0607	ONETOUCH BLOOD GLUCOSE METERS – MANUFACURED BY LIFESCAN ACCU-CHEK BLOOD GLUCOSE METERS - MANUFACTURED BY ROCHE	1. Patient is using and insulin pump that requires a meter that synchronizes with their pump. **OR** **2.** Physical or mental limitations that makes utilizing **BOTH** of the preferred products (manufactured by Roche and LifeScan) unsafe, inaccurate, or otherwise not feasible.

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