



# Updates to your prescription benefits

Effective January 1, 2023

## Advantage 4-Tier PDL update summary

Dear Valued Customer:

We are pleased to announce our **Advantage 4-Tier Prescription Drug List (PDL)** pharmacy benefit updates for January 1, 2023. Our PDL Management Committee carefully reviews and evaluates prescription medications to place them in tiers corresponding to their overall health care value. By managing pharmacy benefits responsibly, we are able to provide integrated pharmacy benefit solutions for our customers and affordable medications for our members.

We will notify affected members through a targeted letter by December 1, 2022. If you have questions regarding the PDL and benefit plan updates listed below, please contact your broker or UnitedHealthcare representative. when you fill a prescription. Please reference the chart to the right as you review the following updates to the PDL.

		
<b>Tier 1</b> Lowest-cost medications	<b>Tier 2 and 3</b> Mid-range cost	<b>Tier 4</b> Highest-cost

### Prescription drugs with new benefit coverage

The following drugs were previously not covered under most benefit plans and are now eligible for coverage.

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Tier Placement
Acne	dapsone 5% Gel (generic Aczone)	Tier 3
Acne	dapsone 7.5% Gel (generic Aczone)	Tier 3
Cholesterol/Lipid lowering	colesevelam hydrochloride (generic Welchol)	Tier 2

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Tier Placement
Hereditary angioedema	icatibant acetate (generic Firazyr) <sup>1</sup>	Tier 2
Pain	hydrocodone bitartrate extended-release (generic Hysingla) <sup>1</sup>	Tier 3
Pain	morphine sulfate extended-release (generic Kadian) <sup>1</sup>	Tier 3

### Prescription drugs moving to a lower tier

The following drugs are moving to a lower tier, making them a lower cost.

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Tier Placement
Pain	hydromorphone hcl extended-release (generic Exalgo) <sup>1</sup>	Tier 4 to Tier 3
Pain	morphine sulfate extended-release (generic Avinza) <sup>1</sup>	Tier 4 to Tier 3
Pain	oxymorphone extended-release (generic Opana ER) <sup>1</sup>	Tier 4 to Tier 3

### Prescription drugs moving to a higher tier

The following medications are moving to a higher tier. Medications may move from a lower tier to a higher tier when they are more costly and have available lower-cost options.

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Tier Placement	Alternative Treatment Option(s)
Infections	Vandazole	Tier 2 to Tier 4	metronidazole (generic MetroGel-Vaginal)
Pain	Xtampza ER <sup>1</sup>	Tier 2 to Tier 4	morphine sulfate (generic MS Contin)

### Prescription drugs excluded from benefit coverage<sup>2, 3</sup>

We evaluate prescription drugs based on their total value, including how a drug works and how much it costs. When several drugs work in the same way, we may choose to exclude the higher-cost option. Effective January 1, 2023, the drugs listed below may be excluded from coverage or you may need to get a Prior Authorization. Sign into your online account to check which drugs your plan covers and if there are any actions you need to take.

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Alternative Treatment Option(s)
Acne	Aczone 5% topical gel (brand only)	dapsone topical gel (generic Aczone), OTC Differin Gel
Acne	Aczone 7.5% topical gel (brand only)	dapsone topical gel (generic Aczone), OTC Differin Gel
Acne	Twynéo <sup>4</sup>	OTC benzoyl peroxide + OTC Differin gel or tretinoin cream (generic Retin A)

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Alternative Treatment Option(s)
Cancer	Eulexin (brand only) <sup>4</sup>	bicalutamide (generic Casodex)
Cancer	Nilandron	bicalutamide (generic Casodex)
Cancer	nilutamide (generic Nilandron)	bicalutamide (generic Casodex)
Cholesterol/Lipid lowering	Welchol (brand only)	colesevelam (generic Welchol)
Cushing's disease	Recorlev <sup>1,4</sup>	ketoconazole (generic Nizoral)
Diuretic	Soanz <sup>4</sup>	torseamide (generic Demadex)
Elevated phosphate levels	Auryxia	sevelamer (generic Renagel), Velphoro
Elevated phosphate levels	Renagel (brand only)	sevelamer (generic Renagel)
Elevated phosphate levels	Renvela (brand only) packet <sup>1</sup>	sevelamer carbonate (generic Renvela)
Excessive secretions	Dartisla ODT <sup>4</sup>	glycopyrrolate tablet (generic Robinul)
Hepatitis B	Vemlidy <sup>1</sup>	entecavir (generic Baraclude), tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (generic Viread)
Hereditary angioedema	Firazyr (brand only) <sup>1</sup>	icatibant acetate (generic Firazyr) <sup>1</sup>
Infections	Alinia tablets (brand only)	nitazoxanide (generic Alinia)
Mental health	Citalopram hydrobromide capsules <sup>4</sup>	citalopram (generic Celexa)
Pain	Dilaudid (brand only)	hydromorphone (generic Dilaudid)
Pain	MS Contin (brand only) <sup>1</sup>	morphine sulfate (generic MS Contin)
Pain and inflammation	Anaprox DS (brand only) <sup>4</sup>	naproxen (generic Naprosyn, generic Anaprox DS), OTC naproxen
Pain and inflammation	Seglentsis <sup>4</sup>	celecoxib capsules (generic Celebrex) plus tramadol (generic Ultram)
Parkinson's disease	Dhivy <sup>4</sup>	carbidopa/levodopa (generic Sinemet)

<sup>1</sup> Step Therapy or Prior Authorization may be required prior to coverage.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusion includes brand, generic and authorized generic products unless otherwise noted.

<sup>3</sup> For benefits that do not exclude, Step Therapy or Prior Authorization may be required.

<sup>4</sup> Newly released medication which was excluded from coverage at the time of launch and will continue to be excluded from our pharmacy benefit.

# Advantage 4-Tier PDL clinical programs update summary

Some prescription drugs may have programs or limits that apply. Below are the changes that will be effective January 1, 2023.

## **MN** Medical Necessity

Medical Necessity is a type of Prior Authorization that evaluates the clinical appropriateness of a medication, such as condition being treated, type of medication, frequency of use, and duration of therapy. The following medications will now require Medical Necessity for coverage.

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name
Hepatitis B	Vemlidy

## **ST** Step Therapy

The medications below have a new or revised Step Therapy program. You must try one or more other medications before the medication below may be covered.

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Step 1 Medication
Blood clots	Savaysa <sup>5</sup>	Eliquis or Xarelto

<sup>5</sup> Includes continuation of therapy, existing members not impacted.

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OGOW: Haddii aad ku hadasho **Soomaali (Somali)**, adeegyada taageerada luqadda, oo bilaash ah, ayaad heli kartaa. Fadlan wac lambarka telefonka khadka bilaashka ee ku yaalla kaarkaaga aqoonsiga.

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