



# Pharmacy News & Views

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## Maryland Medicaid Preferred Drug List

The Maryland Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) shown includes updates effective April 1, 2010. Only drugs that are part of the listed therapeutic categories are affected by the PDL. Therapeutic categories not listed here are not part of the PDL and will continue to be covered as they always have for Maryland fee-for-service Medicaid patients. Note: for most multi-source products, the generic product(s) are usually preferred and branded innovator product(s) are non-preferred. Most branded PDL products that are new to the market require prior authorization until they are reviewed.

**Key:**

All lowercase letters = generic product  
Leading capital letter = brand name product  
Highlighted = changes on the PDL

*Note: A 72-hour emergency supply of a non-preferred drug is available by calling 1-800-932-3918. A 30-day emergency supply is available for non-preferred atypical antipsychotic agents and those subject to step therapy edits.*

### ANALGESIC

#### Analgesics/Anesthetics, Topical

Preferred

Lidoderm  
Voltaren Gel

Requires Prior Authorization

Flector

#### Analgesics, Narcotics Long Acting

Preferred

fentanyl patch (*Duragesic*)  
methadone  
morphine sulfate SR (*MS Contin*)  
Kadian

Requires Prior Authorization

oxycodone ER (*OxyContin*) (brand & generic)  
tramadol ER (*Ultram ER*) (brand & generic)  
Avinza  
*Duragesic Matrix*  
Embeda  
Opana ER  
Ryzolt

### ANALGESIC

#### Analgesics, Narcotics Short Acting

Preferred

apap w/codeine (*Tylenol w/Codeine*)  
aspirin w/codeine  
butalbital/apap/codeine  
butalbital/apap/codeine/caffeine  
codeine  
dihydrocodeine/apap/caffeine  
(*Panlor SS, Panlor DC*)  
dihydrocodeine/aspirin/caffeine  
(*Synalgos DC*)  
hydrocodone/apap (*Vicodin*)  
hydrocodone/ibuprofen (*Vicoprofen*)  
hydromorphone (*Dilaudid*)  
morphine sulfate  
oxycodone  
oxycodone/apap (*Percocet*)  
oxycodone/aspirin (*Percodan*)  
pentazocine/apap (*Talacen*)  
pentazocine/naloxone (*Talwin NX*)  
propoxyphene (*Darvon*)  
propoxyphene HCl/apap (*Wygesic*)  
propoxyphene/apap (*Darvocet*)  
tramadol (*Ultram*)  
tramadol/apap (*Ultracef*)  
Ibudone  
Repxain  
Zamicef

Requires Prior Authorization

fentanyl buccal (*Actiq*) (brand & generic)\*  
levorphanol  
meperidine (*Demerol*) (brand & generic)  
oxycodone/ibuprofen (*Combunox*)  
(brand & generic)  
Darvon-N  
Dilaudid Liquid  
Fentora \*  
Nucynta  
Onsolis\*  
Opana

### ANALGESIC

#### Anti-Hyperuricemics

Preferred

allopurinol (*Zyloprim*)  
colchicine  
probenecid  
probenecid/colchicine

Requires Prior Authorization

Colcrys  
Uloric

#### Anti-Migraine Agents, Triptans (Anti-Migraine Preparations)

Preferred

Imitrex (brand only)  
Maxalt, Maxalt MLT  
Relpax

Requires Prior Authorization

sumatriptan (generic only)  
Amerge  
Axert  
Frova  
Trexiemet  
Zomig, Zomig Nasal, Zomig ZMT

#### Fibromyalgia Agents

Preferred

Lyrica  
Savella

Requires Prior Authorization

Cymbalta\*  
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**Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatories/  
COX II Inhibitor** (NSAIDS, Cyclooxygenase Inhibitor - Type)

**Preferred**

diclofenac potassium (*Cataflam*)  
diclofenac sodium, diclofenac sodium XL (*Voltaren, Voltaren XR*)  
etodolac, etodolac XL (*Lodine, Lodine XL*)  
fenoprofen (*Nalfon*)  
flurbiprofen (*Ansaid*)  
ibuprofen Rx and OTC (*Motrin*)  
indomethacin, indomethacin SR (*Indocin, Indocin SR*)  
ketoprofen (*Orudis, Oruvail*)  
ketorolac (*Toradol*)  
meclofenamate (*Meclofen*)  
mefenamic acid (*Ponstel*)  
meloxicam (*Mobic*)  
naproxen (*Naprosyn*)  
naproxen sodium, naproxen sodium DS (*Anaprox, Anaprox DS*)  
oxaprozin (*Daypro*)  
piroxicam (*Feldene*)  
sulindac (*Clinoril*)

**Requires Prior Authorization**

nabumetone (*Relafen*)  
tolmetin, tolmetin DS (*Tolectin, Tolectin DS*)  
Arthrotec  
Celebrex  
Prevacid NapraPac  
Zipsor

## Skeletal Muscle Relaxants

**Preferred**

baclofen (*Lioresal*)  
carisoprodol (*Soma*)  
carisoprodol compound (*Soma compound*)  
chlorzoxazone (*Parafon*)  
cyclobenzaprine (*Flexiril*)  
dantrolene (*Dantrium*)  
methocarbamol (*Robaxin*)  
orphenadrine (*Norflex*)  
orphenadrine compound (*Norflex Forte*)  
tizanidine tablets (*Zanaflex*)

**Requires Prior Authorization**

Amrix  
Fexmid  
Skelaxin  
Soma 250mg  
Zanaflex capsules

## ANTI-INFECTIVES

### Antibiotics, GI

**Preferred**

metronidazole (*Flagyl*)  
neomycin  
Alinia  
Tindamax  
Vancocin

**Requires Prior Authorization**

Flagyl ER  
Xifaxan

### Antibiotics, Vaginal

**Preferred**

clindamycin (*Clindamax*)  
metronidazole (*Metro-Gel*)  
Cleocin  
Clindesse  
Vandazole

### Antifungals, Oral (Antifungal Agents, Antifungal Antibiotics)

**Preferred**

fluconazole (*Diflucan*)  
ketoconazole (*Nizoral*)  
nystatin  
terbinafine (*Lamisil*)  
Ancobon  
Gris Peg

**Requires Prior Authorization**

clotrimazole troche (*Mycelex*) (brand & generic)  
griseofulvin suspension (*Fulvicin, GriFulvin V*) (brand & generic)  
itraconazole (*Sporanox*)  
GriFulvin V  
Lamisil Granules  
Noxafil  
Sporanox Solution  
Terbinex  
Vfend

## ANTI-INFECTIVES

### Antifungals, Topical (Topical Antifungals)

**Preferred**

clotrimazole OTC & Rx (*Lotrimin*)  
clotrimazole/betamethasone (*Lotrisone*)  
econazole (*Spectazole*)  
ketoconazole (*Nizoral*)  
miconazole OTC  
nystatin  
nystatin/triamcinolone (*Mycolog II*)  
terbinafine OTC  
tolnaftate OTC  
Naftin  
Oxistat

**Requires Prior Authorization**

ciclopirox (*Loprox*) (brand & generic)  
ciclopirox solution (*Penlac*) (brand & generic)  
ciclopirox shampoo (*Loprox*) (brand & generic)  
CNL-8  
Ertaczo  
Extina  
Mentax  
Vusion  
Xolegel

### Antiparasitics, Topical

**Preferred**

permethrin OTC  
permethrin Rx (*Elimite, Acticin*)  
Eurax  
Ovide (Brand only)  
Ulesfia

**Requires Prior Authorization**

lindane  
malathion (generic only)

### Antivirals (Antivirals, General)

**Preferred**

acyclovir (*Zovirax*)  
amantadine (*Symmetrel*)  
rimantadine (*Flumadine*)  
valacyclovir (*Valtrex*)

**Requires Prior Authorization**

Famvir  
Relenza \*  
Tamiflu \*

\* Due to the risk of flu epidemic associated with influenza B and H1N1 pandemic, the State lifted the PDL prior authorization requirement on Relenza and Tamiflu on October 14, 2009.

### Antivirals, Topical

**Preferred**

Denavir

**Requires Prior Authorization**

Zovirax Cream, Zovirax Ointment

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### Cephalosporin & Related Agents (Cephalosporins, Second & Third Generation, Penicillins)

#### Preferred

amoxicillin/clavulanate (*Augmentin, Augmentin ES*)  
cefaclor (*Ceclor, Ceclor CD*)  
cefadroxil (*Duricef*)  
cefdinir (*Omnicef*)  
cefprozil (*Cefzil*)  
cefuroxime (*Ceftin*)  
cephalexin (*Keflex*)  
Suprax

#### Requires Prior Authorization

cefditoren (*Spectracef*) (brand & generic)  
cefpodoxime (*Vantin*) (brand & generic)  
Augmentin XR  
Augmentin 250 susp, 125 susp  
Cedax

### Fluoroquinolones (Quinolones)

#### Preferred

ciprofloxacin (*Cipro*)  
Avelox

#### Requires Prior Authorization

ciprofloxacin XR (*Cipro XR*) (brand & generic)  
ofloxacin (*Floxin*) (brand & generic)  
Cipro Oral Suspension  
Factive  
Levaquin  
Noroxin  
Proquin XR

### Macrolides/Ketolides

#### Preferred

azithromycin (*Zithromax*)  
erythromycin

#### Requires Prior Authorization

clarithromycin, clarithromycin ER  
(*Biaxin, Biaxin (XL)*) (brand & generic)  
Ketek  
Zmax

### Tetracyclines

#### Preferred

doxycycline (*Vibramycin*)  
minocycline (*Minocin*)  
tetracycline (*Sumycin*)

#### Requires Prior Authorization

demeocycline (*Declomycin*)  
Adoxa CK, Adoxa TT  
Nutridox  
Oracea  
Solodyn

### Impetigo Agents, Topical

#### Preferred

mupirocin ointment (*Bactroban*)

#### Requires Prior Authorization

Altabax  
Bactroban Cream

## CARDIOVASCULAR

### Angiotensin Modulator Combinations

#### Preferred

amlodipine/benazepril (*Lotrel*) (brand & generic)  
Azor  
Exforge/Exforge HCT  
Valturna

#### Requires Prior Authorization

Tarka  
Twynsta

### Angiotensin Modulators (Hypotensives, Angiotensin Receptor Antagonist)

#### Preferred

benazepril, benazepril HCTZ (*Lotensin, Lotensin HCT*)  
captopril, captopril HCTZ (*Capoten, Capozide*)  
enalapril, enalapril HCTZ (*Vasotec, Vaseretic*)  
fosinopril, fosinopril HCTZ (*Monopril, Monopril HCT*)  
lisinopril, lisinopril HCTZ (*Prinivil, Zestril, Prinzide, Zestoretic*)  
quinapril (*Accupril*)  
quinaretic (*Accuretic*)  
ramipril (*Altace*)  
Cozaar, Hyzaar  
Diovan, Diovan HCT  
Micardis, Micardis HCT

#### Requires Prior Authorization

moexipril (*Univasc*) (brand & generic)  
moexipril HCTZ (*Uniretic*) (brand & generic)  
perindopril (*Aceon*) (brand & generic)  
trandolapril (*Mavik*) (brand & generic)  
Atacand, Atacand HCT  
Avapro, Avalide  
Benicar, Benicar HCT  
Tektuma, Tektuma HCT  
Teveten, Teveten HCT

### Beta Blockers (Alpha/Beta-Adrenergic Blocking Agents, Beta-Adrenergic Blocking Agents)

#### Preferred

acebutolol (*Segretal*)  
atenolol (*Tenormin*)  
atenolol/chlorthalidone (*Tenoretic*)  
bisoprolol (*Zebeta*)  
bisoprolol HCTZ (*Ziac*)  
carvedilol (*Coreg*)  
labetalol (*Normodyne, Trandate*)  
metoprolol tartrate (*Lopressor*)  
metoprolol tartr/HCTZ (*Lopressor HCTZ*)  
metoprolol succinate ER (*Toprol XL*)  
(brand & generic)  
nadolol (*Corgard*)  
nadolol/bendroflumethiazide (*Corzide*)  
pindolol (*Visken*)  
propranolol, propranolol LA  
(*Inderal, Inderal LA*)  
sotalol, sotalol AF (*Betapace, Betapace AF*)  
timolol (*Blocadren*)  
Innopran XL  
Levatol

#### Requires Prior Authorization

betaxolol (*Kerlone*) (brand & generic)  
Bystolic  
Coreg CR

## CARDIOVASCULAR

### Calcium Channel Blocking Agents

#### Preferred

amlodipine (*Norvasc*)  
diltiazem (*Cardizem*)  
diltiazem SR, diltiazem ER (*Cardizem SR, Cardizem CD, Dilacor XR, Tiazac*)  
felodipine (*Plendil*)  
isradipine (*Dynacirc*)  
nicardipine (*Cardene*)  
nifedipine SR (*Adalat CC, Procardia XL*)  
verapamil (*Calan*)  
verapamil ER, verapamil SR (*Calan SR, Verelan*)

#### Requires Prior Authorization

nifedipine (*Adalat, Procardia*) (brand & generic)  
nimodipine (*Nimotop*) (brand & generic)  
nisoldipine (*Sular*) (generic only)  
verapamil ER (*Verelan PM*) (brand & generic)  
Cardene SR  
Cardizem LA  
Covera HS  
DynaCirc CR  
Sular (new strengths)

### Lipotropics, Other (Lipotropics, Bile Salt Sequestrants)

#### Preferred

cholestyramine (*Questran, Light*)  
colestipol (*Colestid*)  
gemfibrozil (*Lopid*)  
Antara  
Niacor  
Niaspan  
Tricor  
Trilipix

#### Requires Prior Authorization

fenofibrate (*Lofibra*)  
fenofibric acid (*Fibrincor*) (brand & generic)  
Fenoglide  
Lipofen  
Lovaza (*formerly Omacor*)  
Triglide  
Welchol  
Zetia

### Lipotropics, Statins (Lipotropics)

#### Preferred

lovastatin (*Mevacor*)  
pravastatin (*Pravachol*)  
simvastatin (*Zocor*)  
Crestor  
Lescol, Lescol XL  
Lipitor  
Simcor

#### Requires Prior Authorization

Advicor  
Altoprev  
Caduet  
Vytorin

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### Platelet Aggregation Inhibitors

Preferred

dipyridamole (*Persantine*)  
ticlopidine (*Ticlid*)  
Aggrenox  
Plavix

Requires Prior Authorization

Effient

### Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Agents, Oral and Inhaled Agents

Preferred

Letairis  
Revatio \*  
Tracleer  
Ventavis

Requires Prior Authorization

Adcirca  
Tyvaso

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## CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

### Anticonvulsants

Preferred

carbamazepine (*Tegretol*, *Tegretol XR*)  
clonazepam (*Klonopin*)  
divalproex (*Depakote*, *Depakote ER*)  
ethosuximide (*Zarontin*)  
gabapentin (*Neurontin*)  
lamotrigine (*Lamictal*)  
levetiracetam (*Keppra*)  
mephobarbital (*Mebaral*)  
oxcarbazepine (*Trileptal*)  
phenobarbital  
phenytoin (*Dilantin*)  
primidone (*Mysoline*)  
topiramate (*Topamax*)  
valproic acid (*Depakene*)  
zonisamide (*Zonegran*)  
Carbatrol  
Celontin  
Depakote Sprinkle

Diastat

Equetro

Felbatol

Gabitril

Keppra XR

Peganone

Requires Prior Authorization

Banzel

Lamictal ODT, Lamictal ER

Phenytek

Sabril

Stavzor

Vimpat

## CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

### Antidepressants, Other (Alpha-2 Receptor Antagonist Antidepressants, Serotonin-2 Antagonist/ Reuptake Inhibitors, Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhib, Norepinephrine & Dopamine Reuptake Inhib)

Preferred

bupropion, bupropion SR, bupropion XL (*Wellbutrin*, *Wellbutrin SR*, *Wellbutrin XL*)  
mirtazapine, mirtazapine soltab  
(*Remeron*, *Remeron Soltab*)  
trazodone (*Desyrel*)  
venlafaxine (*Effexor*)  
Marplan  
Nardil  
Parnate (brand only)  
Venlafaxine ER Tablets

Requires Prior Authorization

nefazodone (*Serzone*)  
tranylcypromine (generic only)  
Aplenzin  
Effexor XR  
Emsam  
Pristiq

### Antidepressants, Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs)

Preferred

citalopram (*Celexa*)  
fluoxetine (*Prozac*)  
fluvoxamine (*Luvox*)  
paroxetine (*Paxil*)  
sertraline (*Zoloft*)  
Lexapro

Requires Prior Authorization

paroxetine CR (*Paxil CR*)  
Luvox CR  
Pexeva  
Prozac Weekly  
Sarafem

### Antipsychotics

Preferred

**FIRST TIER:**  
chlorpromazine (*Thorazine*)  
clozapine (*Clozaril*)  
fluphenazine (*Prolixin*)  
fluphenazine decanoate inj (*Prolixin Inj*)  
haloperidol (*Haldol*)  
haloperidol decanoate inj (*Haldol IM*)  
perphenazine (*Trilafon*)  
perphenazine/amitriptyline (*Triavil*)  
risperidone (*Risperdal*)  
thioridazine (*Mellaril*)  
thiothixene (*Navane*)  
trifluoperazine (*Stelazine*)  
Fazaclo  
Geodon, Geodon IM  
Molan  
Seroquel

**SECOND TIER: \*\***

Abilify  
Zyprexa, Zyprexa IM

\*\* Additional clinical edits may apply to the Tier 2 products. An adequate trial of a Tier 1 preferred drug is required prior to use of any Tier 2 product. To view criteria, please refer to [www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/mpap/clinicalcriteria.htm](http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/mpap/clinicalcriteria.htm).

## CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

### Antipsychotics (continued)

Requires Prior Authorization

Invega  
Invega Sustenna  
Risperdal Consta  
Saphris  
Seroquel XR  
Symbax

### Sedative Hypnotics

Preferred

chloral hydrate  
estazolam (*ProSom*)  
flurazepam (*Dalmane*)  
temazepam (*Restoril*)  
triazolam (*Halcion*)  
zaleplon (*Sonata*)  
zolpidem (*Ambien*)  
Rozerem

Requires Prior Authorization

temazepam 7.5mg & 22.5mg (*Restoril*)  
(brand & generic)

Ambien CR

Doral

Edluar

Lunesta \*\*\*

\*\*\* Step therapy may allow it to process without a prior authorization. See criteria at: [www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/mpap/clinicalcriteria.htm](http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/mpap/clinicalcriteria.htm).

### Stimulants & Related Agents

(Tx for Attention Deficit Hyperact (ADHD)/ Narcolepsy;  
Adrenergics, Aromatic, Non-Catecholamine)

Preferred

**FIRST TIER:**  
amphetamine salt combo, ER (*Adderall*,  
*Adderall XR*)  
dexmethylphenidate (*Focalin*) (brand & generic)  
dextroamphetamine (*Dexedrine*)  
methylphenidate, methylphenidate ER  
(*Ritalin*, *Ritalin-SR*)  
Concerta  
Daytrana  
Focalin XR

Intuniv

Metadate CD

Vyvanse

**SECOND TIER:**

Strattera \*\*\*\* (for ages 17 and under)

\*\*\*\* To view criteria for Strattera, see [www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/mpap/clinicalcriteria.htm](http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/mpap/clinicalcriteria.htm).

Requires Prior Authorization

Desoxyn

Nuvigil

Procentra

Provigil

Ritalin LA

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## ENDOCRINE

### Androgen Agents

Preferred

Androderm  
Androgel

Requires Prior Authorization

Testim

### Bone Resorption Suppression & Related Agents (Bone Resorption Inhibitors, Bone Formation Stim. Agents - Parathyroid Hormone)

Preferred

alendronate (*Fosamax*)  
Actonel  
Actonel with Calcium  
Boniva  
Miacalcin (brand only)

Requires Prior Authorization

calcitonin salmon nasal (generic only)  
etidronate (*Didronel*) (brand & generic)  
Evista  
*Fosamax* Plus D, *Fosamax* Solution  
Forteo  
Fortical

### Hypoglycemics, Incretin Mimetics & Enhancers

Preferred

Byetta  
Janumet  
Januvia  
*Onglyza*  
Symlin

### Hypoglycemics, Insulins

Preferred

Humalog  
Humalog Mix  
Humulin  
Lantus  
Novolin  
Novolog  
Novolog Mix

Requires Prior Authorization

Apidra  
Levemir

### Hypoglycemics, Meglitinides (Hypoglycemics, Insulin Release Stimulant Type)

Preferred

nateglinide (*Starlix*)  
Prandin

Requires Prior Authorization

Prandimet

### Hypoglycemics, TZDs (Hypoglycemics, Insulin-Response Enhancers)

Preferred

ActoPlusMet  
Actos  
Avandamet  
Avandaryl  
Avandia  
Duetact

## GASTROINTESTINAL

### Antiemetics, Oral (Antiemetic/Antivertigo Agents)

Preferred

ondansetron, ondansetron ODT  
(*Zofran, Zofran ODT*)  
Marinol (brand only)

Requires Prior Authorization

dronabinol (generic only)  
granisetron (*Kytril*) (brand & generic)  
Anzemet  
Cesamet  
Emend  
Sancuso

### Pancreatic Enzymes

Preferred

pancrelipase  
Creon  
Pancrease MT  
Viokase

Requires Prior Authorization

Pancrecarb MS  
Ultrase  
Zenpep

### Phosphate Binders & Related Agents

Preferred

Fosrenol  
PhosLo (brand only)  
Renagel

Requires Prior Authorization

calcium acetate (generic only)  
Eliphos  
Renvela

### Proton Pump Inhibitors (Gastric Acid Secretion Reducers)

Preferred

lansoprazole (*Prevacid*)  
omeprazole (*Prilosec*)  
omeprazole OTC (*Prilosec OTC*)

Requires Prior Authorization

pantoprazole (*Protonix*) (brand & generic)  
AcipHex  
Dexilant (*formerly Kapidex*)  
Prevacid OTC  
Prilosec Suspension  
Nexium  
Zegerid

### Ulcerative Colitis Agents

Preferred

balsalazide (*Colazal*)  
sulfasalazine (*Azulfidine*)  
Asacol  
Canasa

Requires Prior Authorization

mesalamine enemas (*Rowasa*)  
Apriso  
Dipentum  
Lialda  
Pentasa  
sFRowasa

## IMMUNOLOGICS

### Immunosuppressives, Oral

Preferred

azathioprine (*Imuran*)  
cyclosporine modified  
mycophenolate mofetil (*Cellcept*)  
(brand & generic)  
Gengraf  
Neoral  
Prograf (brand only)  
Rapamune  
Sandimmune

Requires Prior Authorization

cyclosporine (generic only)  
tacrolimus (generic only)  
Azasan  
Myfortic

## INJECTABLES

### Anticoagulants, Injectable

Preferred

Arixtra  
Fragmin  
Lovenox

### Colony Stimulating Factors

Preferred

Leukine  
Neupogen

Requires Prior Authorization

Neulasta

### Cytokine & CAM Antagonists

(Antinflammatory, Pyrimidine Synthesis Inhibitor, Anti-Inflammatory, Tumor Necrosis Factor Inhibitor, Anti-Flam, Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonist, Drugs to Tx Chronic Inflamm Disease of Colon, Antimetabolites)

Preferred

Cimzia  
Enbrel  
Humira  
Kineret

Requires Prior Authorization

Amevive  
Orencia  
Remicade  
Simponi  
Stelara

### Erythropoietins (Hematinics, Other)

Preferred

Aranesp  
Procrit

Requires Prior Authorization

Epogen

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### Growth Hormones (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)

Preferred

Genotropin  
Norditropin  
Nutropin, Nutropin AQ

Requires Prior Authorization

Humatrop  
Omnitrope  
Saizen  
Serostim  
Tev-Tropin  
Zorbtive

### Hepatitis C Agents (Hepatitis C Treatment Agents, Immunomodulators)

Preferred

ribavirin (Copegus, Rebetol)  
Pegasys

Requires Prior Authorization

Infergen  
Peg-Intron  
Peg-Intron Redipen

### Multiple Sclerosis Agents

Preferred

Betaseron  
Copaxone  
Rebif

Requires Prior Authorization

Avonex  
Extavia

## NEUROLOGICS

### Alzheimer's Agents

Preferred

Aricept/Aricept ODT  
Exelon, Exelon Transdermal Patch  
Namenda

Requires Prior Authorization

galantamine (Razadyne, Razadyne ER)  
(brand & generic)  
Cognex  
Exelon Solution

## NEUROLOGICS

### Anti-Parkinson's Agents

Preferred

benztropine (Cogentin)  
levodopa/carbidopa Immediate and ER  
(Sinemet, Sinemet CR)  
ropinirole (Requip)  
selegiline (Eldepryl)  
trihexyphenidyl (Artane)  
Stalevo

Requires Prior Authorization

bromocriptine (Parlodel)  
levodopa/carbidopa ODT (Parcopa)  
(brand & generic)  
pramipexole (Mirapex) (brand & generic)  
Azilect  
Comtan  
Requip XL  
Tasmar  
Zelapar

## OPHTHALMICS

### Ophthalmics, Allergic Conjunctivitis (Eye AntiInflammatory Agents, Eye Antihistamines, Ophthalmic Mast Cell Stabilizers)

Preferred

cromolyn (Crolom)  
ketotifen OTC and Rx  
Alrex  
Pataday  
Patanol

Requires Prior Authorization

azelastine (Optivar)  
ketorolac (Acular) (brand & generic)  
ketorolac LS (Acular LS)  
Alamast  
Alocril  
Alomide  
Bepreve  
Elestat  
Emadine  
Optivar

### Ophthalmics, Antibiotics

Preferred

bacitracin  
bacitracin/polymixin  
ciprofloxacin solution (Ciloxan)  
erythromycin  
gentamicin  
neomycin/polymixin/gramicidin  
ofloxacin (Ocuflox)  
sulfacetamide  
tobramycin  
triple antibiotic  
Ciloxan Ointment  
Tobrex Ointment  
Vigamox

Requires Prior Authorization

AzaSite  
Besivance  
Iquix  
Natacyn  
Quixin  
Zymar

## OPHTHALMICS

### Ophthalmics, Glaucoma Agents

Preferred

betaxolol  
brimonidine carteolol (Ocupress)  
brimonidine tartrate 0.15% (Alphagan P)  
carteolol (Ocupress)  
levobunolol (Betagan)  
metipranolol (OptiPranolol)  
pilocarpine (Pilocar)  
timolol (Timoptic, Timoptic XE)  
Azopt  
Betimol  
Betoptic S  
Combigan  
Cosopt (brand only)  
Istalol  
Propine  
Travatan, Travatan Z  
Trusopt (brand only)  
Xalatan

Requires Prior Authorization

dorzolamide (generic only)  
dorzolamide/timolol (generic only)  
Lumigan

### Ophthalmics, Anti-Inflammatories

Preferred

dexamethasone (Decadron)  
diclofenac (Voltaren)  
fluorometholone (FML)  
flurbiprofen (Ocufen)  
Flarex  
FML Forte, FML SOP  
Lotemax  
Maxidex  
Pred Mild

Requires Prior Authorization

ketorolac LS (Acular LS) (brand & generic)  
Acular PF  
Acuvail  
Durezol  
Nevanac  
Ozurdex  
Retisert  
Triesence  
Vexol  
Xibrom

## OTIC

### Otic Antibiotics

Preferred

neomycin/polymyxin/HC  
ofloxacin otic (Floxin Otic)  
Ciprodex  
Coly-Mycin S  
Cortisporin TC

Requires Prior Authorization

Cetraxal  
Cipro HC

# Maryland Medicaid Preferred Drug List (effective April 1, 2010)

RESPIRATORY	RESPIRATORY	TOPICAL DERMATOLOGICS
<b>Antihistamines, Minimally Sedating</b> <p><u>Preferred</u> cetirizine, cetirizine-D (Rx and OTC) loratadine, loratadine-D (Rx and OTC)</p> <p><u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> fexofenadine (Allegra) fexofenadine D, 12-hour (Allegra-D) (brand &amp; generic) Allegra syrup Allegra-D 24-hour Allegra ODT Claritin, Claritin-D (Rx &amp; OTC) Claritin chewable OTC Clarinex, Clarinex-D Semprex-D Xyzal Xyzal syrup</p>	<b>Intranasal Rhinitis Agents (Nasal Anti-Inflammatory Steroids)</b> <p><u>Preferred</u> flunisolide (Nasalide) fluticasone nasal (Flonase) Astelin Astepro Nasacort AQ Nasonex Veramyst</p> <p><u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> ipratropium (Atrovent Nasal) (brand &amp; generic) Beconase AQ Nasarel Omnaris Patanase Rhinocort Aqua</p>	<b>Acne Agents, Topical (continued)</b> <p><u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide erythromycin-benzoyl peroxide sodium sulfacetamide lotion (Klaron) Acanya Aczone Akne-Mycin Atralin Benzefoam Brevoxyl Clarifoam EF Clindagel Clindareach Duac Evoclin Inova Lavoclen Neobenz Micro Sulfoxyd Tazorac Triaz Zacare Zaclir Ziana Zoderm</p>
<b>Bronchodilators, Anticholinergics</b> <p><u>Preferred</u> ipratropium neb (Atrovent) Atrovent HFA Combivent Spiriva</p> <p><u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> albuterol/ipratropium neb (DuoNeb) (brand &amp; generic)</p>	<b>Leukotriene Modifiers</b> <p><u>Preferred</u> Accolate Singulair</p> <p><u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> Zyflo CR</p>	<b>Atopic Dermatitis</b> <p><u>Preferred</u> Elidel Protopic</p>
<b>Bronchodilators, Beta<sub>2</sub>-Agonist (Beta-Adrenergic Agents)</b> <p><u>Preferred</u> albuterol (Proventil, Ventolin) albuterol ER (Vospire ER) terbutaline (Brethine) Foradil ProAir HFA Serevent Ventolin HFA</p> <p><u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> albuterol neb low dose levalbuterol neb (Xopenex) metaproterenol (Alupent) Brovana Maxair Performist Proventil HFA Xopenex HFA</p>	<b>TOPICAL DERMATOLOGICS</b> <p><b>Acne Agents, Topical</b></p> <p><u>Preferred</u> benzoyl peroxide clindamycin topical erythromycin sulfacetamide sulfur tretinoin Azelex BenzaClin Clinac BPO Differin Epiduo Nuox Retin-A Micro</p>	<b>UROLOGIC</b> <p><b>Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (Alpha-Adrenergic Blocking Agents)</b></p> <p><u>Preferred</u> doxazosin (Cardura) tamsulosin (Flomax) terazosin (Hytrin) Proscar (brand only) Uroxatral</p> <p><u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> finasteride (generic only) Avodart Cardura XL Rapaflo</p>
<b>Glucocorticoids, Inhaled</b> (Beta-Adrenergics & Glucocorticoids Combination, Glucocorticoids) <p><u>Preferred</u> Advair Diskus, Advair HFA Aerobid, Aerobid M Azmacort Flovent Diskus, Flovent HFA Qvar Symbicort</p> <p><u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> budesonide respules (Pulmicort Respules) (brand &amp; generic) (Over Age 8, Under Age 1) Available without prior authorization for children 1 to 8 years of age. Alvesco Asmanex Pulmicort Flexhaler</p>		<p><b>Bladder Relaxant Preparations</b> (Urinary Tract Antispasmodic/Antiincontinence Agent)</p> <p><u>Preferred</u> oxybutynin (Ditropan) Enablex Gelnique Toviaz Vesicare</p> <p><u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> oxybutynin XL (Ditropan XL) Detrol, Detrol LA Oxytrol Sanctura, Sanctura XR</p>



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## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### **ACS Technical Assistance and Preauthorizations**

1-800-932-3918  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

### **Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Access Hotline**

1-800-492-5231 (*select option three*)  
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

### **Kidney Disease Program**

1-410-767-5000 or 5002  
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

### **Breast & Cervical Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment**

1-410-767-6787  
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

### **Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program**

1-410-767-6535  
Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm