

Drug Exclusion Strategy – Alternative Drug List

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Below is a list of medicines by drug category that may be excluded from coverage under your prescription drug benefit. In most cases, if you fill a prescription for any of the drugs listed under the Excluded Medications column, you will pay the full retail price. This list will be reviewed annually and is subject to change at any time.

Take action to avoid paying full price. If you are currently using one of the excluded medications, please ask your doctor to consider writing a new prescription for one of the preferred alternatives.

Drug Category	Excluded Medications	Alternatives
ANDROGENS AND ANABOLIC STEROIDS	ANDRODERM; AXIRON**; EC-RX TESTOSTERONE; FIRST-TESTOSTERONE; FIRST-TESTOSTERONE MC; FORTESTA; NATESTO; STRIANT; TESTIM**; TESTOSTERONE 1% & 2% gel; TESTOSTERONE PUMP; VOGELXO; VOGELXO PUMP	testosterone gel (generic for Androgel); testosterone transdermal solution 30 mg/actuation (generic for Axiron)
DOXYCYCLINE/ MINOCYCLINE	ACTICLATE**; AVIDOXY DK; BENZODOX; DORYX** tab 50 mg & 200 mg; DORYX MPC; DOXYCYCLINE 40 mg delayed-release; DOXYCYCLINE HYCLATE tab 50 mg; MINOCIN** caps; MONODOX**; MORGIDOX kit; NUTRIDOX; ORACEA; SOLODYN** 65 mg, 115 mg; SOLODYN 55 mg, 80 mg, 105 mg; TARGADOX; VIBRAMYCIN** caps; VIBRAMYCIN** suspension; VIBRAMYCIN syrup; XIMINO	Avidoxy 100 mg; Coremino, doxycycline hyclate caps, tabs; doxycycline hyclate delayed-release tabs; doxycycline monohydrate; minocycline caps, tabs; minocycline extended-release tabs; Mondoxine NL; Morgidox caps, Okebo, Soloxide
GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	All glucose test strip manufacturers (except Ascensia) [±] e.g. ACCU-CHEK; ADVANCE; ADVOCATE; ASSURE; CLEVER CHEK; EASY PLUS/MAX/TALK/TOUCH; EMBRACE; FORA; FREESTYLE; GLUCOCARD; ONETOUCH. OPTIUM; PRECISION; PRODIGY; RELION; RIGHTTEST; TRUE METRIX; TRUETEST; TRUETRACK; UNISTRIIP	ASCENSIA (e.g. BREEZE 2, CONTOUR NEXT, CONTOUR PLUS, etc)
GROWTH HORMONES	GENOTROPIN, GENOTROPIN MINIQUICK; HUMATROPE, HUMATROPE COMBO PACK; NORDITROPIN FLEXPEN; NUTROPIN AQ NUSPIN; SAIZEN, SAIZEN CLICK EASY, SAIZENPREP; SEROSTIM; ZOMACTON; ZORBTIVE	OMNITROPE
INSOMNIA	AMBIEN**, AMBIEN CR**, BELSOMRA; EDLUAR; INTERMEZZO**; LUNESTA**; ROZEREM; SILENOR; SONATA**; ZOLPIMIST	eszopiclone; zaleplon; zolpidem tartrate, zolpidem tartrate ER, zolpidem tartrate SL
SHORT-ACTING INSULINS (EXCLUSIVE NOVOLIN/NOVOLOG)	ADMELOG, ADMELOG SOLOSTAR; AFREZZA; APIDRA, APIDRA SOLOSTAR; HUMALOG, HUMALOG KWIKPEN, HUMALOG JR KWIKPEN, HUMALOG MIX 50/50, HUMALOG MIX 50/50 KWIKPEN, HUMALOG MIX 75/25, HUMALOG MIX 75/25 KWIKPEN, HUMULIN N, HUMULIN N KWIKPEN, HUMULIN R; HUMULIN 70/30, HUMULIN 70/30 KWIKPEN	FIASP, FIASP FLEXTOUCH; HUMULIN R U-500 (CONCENTRATE), HUMULIN R U-500 KWIKPEN; NOVOLIN N; NOVOLIN N RELION; NOVOLIN N U-100; NOVOLIN R; NOVOLIN R RELION; NOVOLIN 70/30; NOVOLIN 70/30 RELION; NOVOLOG; NOVOLOG FLEXPEN; NOVOLOG MIX 70/30; NOVOLOG MIX 70/30 FLEXPEN; NOVOLOG PENFILL; RELION R
NASAL STEROIDS	AZENASE, BECONASE AQ, FLONASE**, FLUNISOLIDE, NASONEX**; OMNARIS; PROPEL, PROPEL MINI; QNASL, QNASL CHILDRENS; RHINOCORT AQUA**; SINUVA; TICASPRAY; XHANCE; ZETONNA	fluticasone propionate; mometasone; triamcinolone acetonide

Generic Drugs = **bold** Brand Drugs = CAPITAL LETTERS ** = generic available

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TOPICAL ANTIBIOTICS	ACANYA; ACZONE GEL 7.5%, ACZONE GEL** 5%; AKTIPAK; AVAR PAD, AVAR FOAM 9.5-5%, AVAR LS, AVAR LS cleanser**, AVAR-E-LS**; AZELEX; BENZAQ AC**; BENZACLIN**; BENZAMYCIN** gel; BENZEFOAM**, BENZEFOAM ULTRA**; BENZI, BENZI LS, BENZI WASH; BENZODOX; BENZOYL PEROXIDE GEL 6.5%; BENZOYL PEROXIDE 8%; BENZOYL PEROXIDE-HYDROCORTISONE LOTION 7.5-1%; BP CLEANSING WASH 10-4%; BP gel; BPO cloths; BPO gel 4% and 8%; CLEOCIN-T**; CLINDACIN ETZ, CLINDACIN PAC, CLINDAGEL; CLINDAMYCIN GEL 1%; CLINDAMYCIN/BENZOYL PEROXIDE GEL 1.2-2.5%; CLINOIN; DUAC**; ERYGEL**, EVOCLIN**, INOVA; KLARON**; METROCREAM**; METROGEL**; METROLOTION**; NEUAC kit; NORITATE; ONEXTON; PLEXION**, PLEXION CLEANSING CLOTHS; REZESOL ; RIAX; ROSADAN KIT; -SODIUM SULFACETAMIDE/SULFUR 10-5% emulsion or lotion, SODIUM SULFACETAMIDE/ SULFUR 10-5% suspension, SODIUM SULFACETAMIDE/SULFUR CLEANSER IN UREA emulsion 10-5%; SSS 10-5; SUMADIN KIT**, SUMADAN WASH**, SUMADAN XLT**, SUMAXIN CP KIT, SUMAXIN** pad, SUMAXIN TS**, SUMAXIN WASH**; VANOXIDE-HC; VELTIN; ZACARE kit; ZACLIR; ZIANA**	adapalene/benzoyl peroxide gel 0.1-2.5%, Clindacin-ETZ pledgets ; Clindacin-P; clindamycin phosphate 1% foam, gel, lotion, pad, soln, swab; clindamycin phosph-benzoyl peroxide (refrig) gel 1.2 (1)-5%; clindamycin phosphate-benzoyl peroxide gel 1-5%; clindamycin phosphate- tretinoin 1.2-0.025% gel; dapsone gel; ERY; erythromycin 2% gel, pads, soln; erythromycin/ benzoyl peroxide; FINACEA; metronidazole 0.75% cream, gel, lotion; metronidazole 1% gel; Neuac gel; Rosadan cream, gel; sulfacetamide sodium 10% lotion
TOPICAL RETINOIDS	ADAPALENE lotion; ATRALIN**; DIFFERIN** cream, DIFFERIN** gel, DIFFERIN lotion; EPIDUO**, EPIDUO FORTE; FABIOR; RETIN-A**, RETIN-A MICRO** 0.1%, RETIN-A MICRO PUMP** 0.1%, RETIN-A MICRO** 0.04%, RETIN-A MICRO 0.6%, RETIN-A MICRO PUMP** 0.04%, RETIN-A MICRO PUMP 0.08%; TAZORAC** cream 0.1%; TRETIN-X	adapalene cream, gel; Avita; TAZORAC cream 0.05%, TAZORAC gel; tretinoin cream 0.025%, 0.05%, 0.1%; tretinoin gel 0.01%, 0.025%, 0.05%; tretinoin microsphere gel 0.4%, 0.1%

*Not a comprehensive list of all excluded glucose test strips

*Applies to Blue Cross plan members with coverage through Drug List Exclusions. Check your Blue Cross benefit Booklet for more information.