

Fast Facts

AUGUST PHARMACY POLICY SPECIAL EDITION 2023

News for Providers from HealthPartners
Provider Relations & Network Management

Pharmacy Policy

Drug Formulary updates

COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY

Updates include:

- Glucagon-like peptide-1 agonists (GLP medications) for diabetes will require step-therapy on October 1, 2023.
 - This update applies to dulaglutide (Trulicity), exenatide (Bydureon and Byetta), liraglutide (Victoza), and semaglutide (Ozempic and Rybelsus).
 - Step-therapy will reserve these medications for members with previous pharmacy claims for diabetes medications. Prior authorization is available for members not meeting step-therapy requirements.
 - This new step-therapy program is intended to limit the off-label use for weight loss. Prior authorization and step-therapy programs are becoming standard in the market.
 - Patients with diabetes who do not meet step-therapy requirements are asked to work with their provider for prior authorization. Patients using these GLP medications for weight loss are asked to work with their provider for prior authorization for weight loss medications.
- Adalimumab-bwwd (Hadlima) will be added to formulary with prior authorization on August 1, 2023.
 - Hadlima is a biosimilar for Humira, added at parity.
- Cyclosporine ophthalmic (Restasis Multidose) is being removed from the formulary (from F, to NF-PA). Alternatives include: cyclosporine single-use dropperette.
- Lurasidone (generic Latuda) PA is being removed (from F-PA-QL, to F-QL-Age). Lurasidone is now available as a low-cost generic medication.

Please see the formulary for details, at healthpartners.com/formularies. Updates will be posted by October 1, 2023.

Pharmacy Medical Policies

COMMERCIAL UPDATES

Coverage Policies	Comments / Changes
Trastuzumab (Trazimera)	Adding as a preferred product, joining Kanjinti and Ogivri as preferred trastuzumab products.

Pharmacy medical policies are available at: healthpartners.com/public/coverage-criteria/. Updates will be posted by October 1, 2023.

POLICIES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Quarterly Formulary Updates and additional information such as Prior Authorization and Exception Forms, Specialty Pharmacy information, and Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee policies are available at healthpartners.com/provider/admin_tools/pharmacy_policies, including the [Drug Formularies](#).

Pharmacy Customer Service is available to providers (physicians and pharmacies) 24 hours per day and 365 days per year.

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HealthPartners Customer Service is available from 8 AM - 6 PM Central Time, Monday through Friday, and 8 AM – 4 PM Saturday. After hours calls are answered by our Pharmacy Benefit Manager.

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