

Health Safety Net Reimbursable Pharmacy Services

Highly Utilized Therapeutic Classes

With the changes to the Health Safety Net Formulary effective January 12, 2026, most generics and drugs on the MassHealth Brand Name Preferred Over Generic List will generally be available without prior authorization (PA). **The following tables outline drugs available without PA for the most utilized therapeutic classes and are not inclusive of all reimbursable products.** Coverage without PA is subject to change.

Generally, branded drugs not listed in the tables below will require PA. Patients and providers should seek access through manufacturer patient-assistance programs, when available.

Agents Reimbursable Without PA for Common Therapeutic Classes		
Anticoagulant and Antiplatelet Agents		
Subclass (if applicable)	Generic Agents	Brand Name Preferred Over Generics
	anagrelide aspirin clopidogrel dabigatran capsule dipyridamole enoxaparin fondaparinux prasugrel warfarin	Xarelto (rivaroxaban) Eliquis (apixaban)
Anticonvulsants		
Subclass (if applicable)	Generic Agents	Brand Name Preferred Over Generics
	brivaracetam carbamazepine divalproex eslicarbazepine ethosuximide felbamate lacosamide tablet, solution lamotrigine levetiracetam solution, tablet methsuximide oxcarbazepine tablet phenobarbital phenytoin primidone tiagabine topiramate valproic acid	Banzel (rufinamide) Depakote Sprinkle (divalproex delayed- release capsule) Fycompa (perampanel) Oxtellar XR (oxcarbazepine extended release) Sabril (vigabatrin powder packet, tablet) Tegretol XR (carbamazepine extended release) Trileptal (oxcarbazepine suspension) Trokendi XR (topiramate extended- release capsule)

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Antidiabetic Agents (non-insulin)

Subclass (if applicable)	Generic Agents	Brand Name Preferred Over Generics
Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors	acarbose miglitol	
Biguanides	metformin	
DPP4 Inhibitors	saxagliptin	Tradjenta (linagliptin) Zituvio (sitagliptin)
GLP-1 agonists	exenatide	Victoza (liraglutide)
Meglitinides	nateglinide repaglinide	
SGLT2 Inhibitors		Fargixa (dapagliflozin)
Sulfonylureas	glimepiride glipizide glyburide	
Thiazolidinediones	pioglitazone	
Combination Products	glyburide/metformin glipizide/metformin	Duetact (glimepiride/pioglitazone) Jentaduetto (linagliptin/metformin) Jentaduetto XR (linagliptin/metformin) Xigduo XR (dapagliflozin/metformin ER)

Constipation Agents

Subclass (if applicable)	Generic Agents	Brand Name Preferred Over Generics
	bisacodyl lactulose lubiprostone magnesium salts methylcellulose polyethylene glycol psyllium sennosides	

Glaucoma Agents

Subclass (if applicable)	Generic Agents	Brand Name Preferred Over Generics
	apraclonidine betaxolol bimatoprost brimonidine 0.2% eye drops carteolol dorzolamide latanoprost levobunolol pilocarpine timolol ophthalmic solution	Alphagan P (brimonidine 0.1%, 0.15% eye drops) Azopt (brinzolamide) Betimol (timolol) Combigan (brimonidine/timolol, ophthalmic) Cosopt PF (dorzolamide/timolol, preservative free) Istalol (timolol) Timoptic Ocudose (timolol 0.5% ophthalmic unit dose solution) Travatan Z (travoprost 0.004% eye drop) Zioptan (tafluprost)

Headache and Migraine Agents

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Subclass (if applicable)	Generic Agents	Brand Name Preferred Over Generic
	almotriptan dihydroergotamine elatriptan naratriptan rizatriptan sumatriptan Most generic analgesics (e.g., ibuprofen, acetaminophen, etc.)	Frova (frovatriptan)

Inhaled Respiratory Agents

Subclass (if applicable)	Generic Agents	Brand Name Preferred Over Generic
Antimuscarinics: SAMA		Atrovent HFA (ipratropium inhalation aerosol)
Antimuscarinics: LAMA		Spiriva HandiHaler (tiotropium inhalation powder)
Inhaled Corticosteroids	budesonide inhalation suspension fluticasone propionate	Arnuity Ellipta (fluticasone furoate)
LABA	arformoterol formoterol	
SABA	albuterol solution levalbuterol solution	Ventolin (albuterol) HFA Xopenex (levalbuterol) HFA
Combination products: LAMA/LABA		Anoro Ellipta (umeclidinium/vilanterol)
Combination products: ICS/LABA	fluticasone/salmeterol inhalation powder	Advair (fluticasone/salmeterol) Breo Ellipta (fluticasone/vilanterol) Dulera (mometasone/formoterol) Symbicort (budesonide/formoterol)

Insulin

Subclass (if applicable)	Generic Agents	Brand Name Preferred Over Generic
Rapid acting	unbranded insulin lispro	
Long acting		Lantus (insulin glargine) Toujeo (insulin glargine) Tresiba (insulin degludec)

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Lipid-Lowering Agents

Subclass (if applicable)	Generic Agents	Brand Name Preferred Over Generic
Statins	atorvastatin fluvastatin lovastatin	

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	pitavastatin pravastatin rosuvastatin simvastatin	
Other agents	colesevelam colestipol ezetimibe fenofibrate gemfibrozil	
Substance Use Disorder Agents		
Subclass (if applicable)	Generic Agents	Brand Name Preferred Over Generic
All agents	acamprosate buprenorphine tablets† buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, films* disulfiram naltrexone naloxone *reimbursable within dose limits †reimbursable for 5 days of treatment per 180 days within dose limits	
Immunological Agents		
Subclass (if applicable)	Generic Agents	Brand Name Preferred Over Generic
Anti-TNF	unbranded adalimumab biosimilars unbranded infliximab biosimilars	
Anti-interleukin	unbranded ustekinumab biosimilars	
Amino salicylates	balsalazide mesalamine enema, suppository mesalamine 0.375 g ER capsule mesalamine 1.2 g DR tablet sulfasalazine olsalazine	Pentasa (mesalamine 250 mg, 500 mg controlled-release capsule)
JAK Inhibitors		Xeljanz (tofacitinib) Xeljanz XR (tofacitinib extended release)
Immunosuppressants	azathioprine cyclosporine methotrexate	Zortress (everolimus)

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	mycophenolate mofetil mycophenolic acid sirolimus tacrolimus	
Corticosteroids	dexamethasone hydrocortisone fludrocortisone methylprednisolone prednisolone	
Topical immune suppressants	tacrolimus ointment	

Abbreviations: DPP4=dipeptidyl peptidase 4, DR=delayed release, ER=extended release, GLP1=glucagon-like peptide-1, ICS=inhaled corticosteroid, JAK=Janus kinase, LABA=long-acting beta agonist, LAMA=long-acting muscarinic antagonist, SABA=short-acting beta agonist, SAMA=short-acting muscarinic antagonist, SGLT2=sodium-glucose transport protein 2, TNF=tumor necrosis factor