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RE: Preferred Drug List (PDL) updates for Inhaled Corticosteroids, ADD/ADHD medications, and Phosphate Removing Agents

Prescribers and pharmacists,

Effective July 1, 2024, the PDL classes listed below will have noted updates to preferred options for Arkansas Medicaid beneficiaries. The **bolded medications** designate products that will have a change in PDL status.

INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS

Preferred agents WITHOUT criteria

- **Arnuity Ellipta® (fluticasone furoate)**
- **Asmanex HFA® (mometasone furoate)**
- Asmanex Twisthaler® (mometasone furoate)
- Pulmicort Flexhaler® (budesonide)
- **QVAR Redihaler® (beclomethasone dipropionate)**

Preferred agents WITH criteria

- **Alvesco® HFA (ciclesonide)**
- Budesonide ampules for nebulizer (generic for Pulmicort Respules®)

Non-preferred agents WITHOUT criteria

- ~~Armonair Digihaler® (fluticasone propionate)~~—discontinued 6/1/2024
- Fluticasone Diskus (generic for Flovent Diskus®)
- Pulmicort Respules® (budesonide)

Non-preferred agents WITH criteria

- **Fluticasone HFA (generic for Flovent HFA®)**

PHOSPHATE REMOVING AGENTS

Preferred agents

- Calcium Acetate capsule
- Calcium Acetate tablet
- ***Renvela® (sevelamer carbonate) tablet**
- **Sevelamer Carbonate tablet (generic for Renvela®)**

***NOTE: Brand name Renvela® will still be listed as a preferred option until September 1, 2024 to allow time for pharmacies to use the remainder of on-hand stock.**

Non-preferred agents

- Auryxia® (ferric citrate) tablet
- Fosrenol® (lanthanum carbonate) chewable tablet
- Lanthanum Carbonate chewable tablet (generic for Fosrenol®)
- Phoslyra® (calcium acetate) 667 mg/5 ml oral solution
- Renvela® (sevelamer carbonate) Powder Pack
- Sevelamer HCl tablets (generic for Renagel®)
- Velphoro® (sucroferric oxyhydroxide) chewable tablet
- Xphozah® (tenapanor) tablet

ADD/ADHD MEDICATIONS

Preferred agents WITH criteria

- ***Adderall® XR capsule (amphetamine/dextroamphetamine salt ER)**
- **Amphetamine/dextroamphetamine salt ER capsule (generic for Adderall® XR)**
- Amphetamine/dextroamphetamine salt tablet (generic for Adderall® IR)
- Atomoxetine capsule (generic for Strattera®)
- Clonidine IR tablet (generic for Catapres®)
- Clonidine ER tablet (generic for Kapvay® ER)
- ***Concerta® tablet (methylphenidate ER)**
- Daytrana® patch (methylphenidate) **(BRAND ONLY)**
- Dexmethylphenidate ER capsule (generic for Focalin® XR)
- Dexmethylphenidate IR tablet (generic for Focalin®)
- Dextroamphetamine 5 mg and 10 mg tablet (generic for Zenzedi®)
- Focalin® tablet (dexmethylphenidate)
- Focalin® XR capsule (dexmethylphenidate ER)
- Guanfacine IR tablet (generic for Tenex®)
- Guanfacine ER tablet (generic for Intuniv® ER)
- Methylphenidate tablet (generic for Methylin®, Ritalin® IR)
- **Methylphenidate ER tablet (generic for Concerta®)**
- Vyvanse® CHEW tablet (lisdexamfetamine) **(BRAND ONLY)**
- Vyvanse® capsule (lisdexamfetamine) **(BRAND ONLY)**

***NOTE: Brand name Adderall XR® and brand name Concerta® will still be listed as preferred options until September 1, 2024 to allow time for pharmacies to use the remainder of on-hand stock.**

Also, brand name Focalin®/Focalin XR® along with their generics will remain preferred options for the time being.

For any questions, contact the Magellan Help Desk at 800-424-7895.

Sincerely,

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