



April 2022 Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee Decisions

UCare’s Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P&T) is a group of physicians and pharmacists that meet throughout the year to make changes to UCare formularies (approved drug list). These changes are reviewed based on clinical evidence, safety, and therapeutic guidelines. All changes that are recommended by P&T for the Medicare formularies are tentative until UCare receives final CMS approval.

Key:

Medicare: UCare Medicare, UCare Medicare with Fairview and North Memorial, UCare Group Medicare, EssentiaCare, Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) & Connect + Medicare

Medicaid: PMAP, MnCare, MSC+ & Connect

Exchange: UCare Individual and Family Plans

F: Formulary

NF: Non-formulary

PA: Prior Authorization

QL: Quantity Limit

ST: Step Therapy

New Drug Review			
Drug	Indication	Formulary Coverage	Effective Date
Apretude (cabotegravir) PROTECTED CLASS	pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to reduce the risk of sexually acquired HIV-1 infection in at-risk adults and adolescents weighing ≥ 35 kg	Medicare: Formulary w/PA Medicaid: Formulary w/PA Exchange: Formulary w/PA	5/1/2022
Tarpeyo (budesonide)	reduce proteinuria in adults with primary immunoglobulin A nephropathy (IgAN) at risk of rapid disease progression, generally a urine protein-to-creatinine ratio (UPCR) ≥ 1.5 g/g.	Medicare: Formulary w/PA Medicaid: Formulary w/PA Exchange: Formulary w/PA	5/1/2022
Besremi (ropeginterferon alfa-2b-njft) PROTECTED CLASS	treatment of adults with polycythemia vera	Medicare: Formulary w/PA Medicaid: Formulary w/PA Exchange: Formulary w/PA	5/1/2022

Formulary changes for New Generics, New Indications and Miscellaneous Previously Reviewed drugs are effective 5/1/2022.

New Indications Review		
Drug	Current formulary status	Recommendation
Zydelig (idelalisib tablets)	Medicare - F, Medicaid - F, HIX - F	Medicare - F, Medicaid - F, HIX - F

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Jardiance (empagliflozin tablets)	Medicare - F, Medicaid - P, HIX - F	Medicare - F, Medicaid - P, HIX - F
Opdivo (nivolumab injection for intravenous use)	Medicare - NF, Medicaid - NF, HIX - NF (covered under medical benefit)	Medicare - NF, Medicaid - NF, HIX - NF (covered under medical benefit)

New Generics Review

Drug	Current formulary status	Recommendation
Zolmitriptan nasal spray (Zomig)	Medicare - NF, Medicaid - NF, HIX - F	Medicare - NF, Medicaid - NF, HIX - F
Adapalene-benzoyl peroxide (Epiduo Forte)	Medicare - NF, Medicaid - NF, HIX - NF	Medicare - NF, Medicaid - NF, HIX - NF
Imiquimod cream pump (Zyclara)	Medicare - NF, Medicaid - NF, HIX - NF	Medicare - NF, Medicaid - NF, HIX - NF
Naloxone nasal spray (Narcan)	Medicare - F, Medicaid - P, HIX - F	Medicare - F, Medicaid - NP, HIX - F
Glycopyrrolate solution (Cuvposa)	Medicare - NF, Medicaid - NF, HIX - NF	Medicare - NF, Medicaid - NF, HIX - NF
Carglumic Acid (Carbaglu)	Medicare - F, Medicaid - F, HIX - NF	Medicare - F, Medicaid - F, HIX - NF
Cyclosporine eye emulsion (Restasis)	Medicare - F, Medicaid - F, HIX - F	Medicare - NF, Medicaid - NF, HIX - NF
Romidepsin (Istodax)	Medicare - NF, Medicaid - NF, HIX - NF	Medicare - NF, Medicaid - NF, HIX - NF

Miscellaneous Previously Reviewed Items

Drug	Rationale/Alternative	Recommendation
Eprontia Solution (topiramate)	Topiramate	NF all lines of business
Cortrophine Gel (corticotropin)	Acthar Gel	NF all lines of business
Dhivy (carbidopa/levodopa)	Carbidopa-Levodopa	NF all lines of business
Lanreotide Syringe	Sandostatin LAR, Somatuline Depot	NF all lines of business
Tramadol Caps	Tramadol, Tramadol-APAP	NF all lines of business



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Pemfexy Vial (pemetrexed)	Covered on medical benefit	NF all lines of business

Additional Items Reviewed

Item	Action
New Medical Drug Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Approved adding new policies for Pluvicto and Opdualag
Review of 2023 Formularies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reviewed and approved proposed formulary changes for 2023. (Contingent on regulatory approval)
Insulin Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Adding insulin aspart to Medicare formularies