




Updates to your prescription benefits

Effective July 1, 2017 for SignatureValue Formulary

Within the Formulary, medications are grouped by therapeutic class and then Formulary or Non-Formulary. This coverage level indicates the amount you pay when you fill a prescription. Please reference this chart as you review the following updates. Most options listed are available as Formulary Generic (Tier 1), your lowest cost option.

 Formulary Generic (Tier 1) Your lowest-cost medications	 Formulary Brand (Tier 2) Your mid-range cost medications	 Non-Formulary (Tier 3) Your highest-cost medications
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If your medication is listed below, you may continue taking it, but you may pay a higher cost. We encourage you to discuss the listed lower-cost option(s) that may also treat your condition with your doctor. Most options listed are available as Formulary Generic, your lowest-cost tier, and may have a clinical program in place.

Medications moving to a lower coverage level

The following medications are moving to a lower coverage level, making them more affordable.

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Coverage Level (Tier)
Anti-Infective	Impavido	NF ► FB
Asthma/COPD	Bevespi Aerosphere	NF ► FB
Central Nervous System: ADHD	methylphenidate ER capsule (generic Metadate CD, Ritalin LA)	NF ► FG
Diabetes: Insulin	Basaglar	NF ► FG
High Blood Pressure	olmesartan (generic Benicar)	NF ► FG
	olmesartan/hydrochlorothiazide (generic Benicar-HCT)	NF ► FG
Women's Health: Hormone Replacement	Yuvaferm (generic Vagifem)	NF ► FG

Medications moving to a higher coverage level

Medications may move from a lower coverage level to a higher coverage level when they are more costly and have available lower-cost options.

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Coverage Level (Tier)	Lower-Cost Options
Acne	adapalene cream, lotion, 0.3% gel (generic Differin)	FG ► NF	OTC Differin gel
	Avita cream, gel	FG ► NF	
	Retin-A Micro (brand only)	FB ► NF	
	tretinoin cream, gel (generic Retin-A)	FG ► NF	
	Tretin-X Kit	FB ► NF	
Allergic Reactions	Epipen, Epipen Jr	FB ► NF	epinephrine auto-injector (generic Epipen, Epipen Jr)

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Coverage Level (Tier)	Lower-Cost Options
Asthma/COPD	Anoro Ellipta	FB ▶ NF	Bevespi Aerosphere
	Stiolto Respimat	FB ▶ NF	
Cardiovascular/Heart Disease: Other	Dilatrate SR	FB ▶ NF	isosorbide mononitrate ER tablet
	Nitro-Dur 0.3 mg/hr and 0.8 mg/hr	FB ▶ NF	nitroglycerin patch, Nitro-Bid ointment
Central Nervous System: ADHD	methylphenidate ER 10 mg, 20 mg tablet	FG ▶ NF	methylphenidate ER capsule, Adderall XR, Vyvanse
Diabetes: Insulin	Lantus	FB ▶ NF	Basaglar, Levemir
	Toujeo	FB ▶ NF	
Diabetic Supplies	Novofine Plus pen needles	FB ▶ NF	Unifine pen needles
Gastrointestinal: Other	chlordiazepoxide/clidinium	FG ▶ NF	dicyclomine, hyoscyamine
Hepatitis C	Daklinza	FB ▶ NF	Epclusa
High Blood Pressure	amlodipine/olmesartan (generic Azor)	FG ▶ NF	amlodipine + olmesartan
	amlodipine/olmesartan/hydrochlorothiazide (generic Tribenzor)	FG ▶ NF	olmesartan/hydrochlorothiazide + amlodipine
	Benicar (brand only)	FB ▶ NF	olmesartan (generic Benicar)
	Benicar-HCT (brand only)	FB ▶ NF	olmesartan/hydrochlorothiazide (generic Benicar-HCT)
	Dutoprol	FB ▶ NF	metoprolol succinate + hydrochlorothiazide
Miscellaneous	Ciprodex	FB ▶ NF	ofloxacin 0.3% solution
	lidocaine 5% patch (generic Lidoderm)	FG ▶ NF	gabapentin
Respiratory: Nasal Allergies	mometasone furoate (generic Nasonex)	FG ▶ NF	fluticasone nasal spray (generic Flonase)
	Nasonex (brand only)	FB ▶ NF	
Women's Health: Hormone Replacement	Vagifem (brand only)	FB ▶ NF	Yuvaferm (generic Vagifem)

Medications requiring an exception for coverage (applies to select CA and OK markets only)

We evaluate medications based on their total value, including how a medication works and how much it costs. When several medications work in the same way, doctors may be required to provide clinical information to verify that certain non-formulary medications are medically necessary. The medications below will no longer be covered unless medically necessary.

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Lower-Cost Options
Acne	Atralin (brand and generic)	OTC Differin gel
	Differin cream, lotion, 0.3% gel (brand and generic)	
	Epiduo	
	Fabior	
	minocycline ER	minocycline capsule
	minocycline tablets	
	Retin-A Micro (brand and generic)	OTC Differin gel
	Solodyn	minocycline capsule
	tretinoin gel	OTC Differin gel
	Tretin-X	
Allergic Reactions	Adrenaclick (brand and generic)	epinephrine auto-injector (generic Epipen, Epipen Jr)
	Epipen, Epipen Jr (brand only)	
Antibiotic	Acticlate	doxycycline hyclate capsule, tablet
Asthma/COPD	Stiolto Respimat	Bevespi Aerosphere
Central Nervous System: ADHD	Dyanavel XR	methylphenidate ER capsule*, Adderall XR*, Vyvanse*
	Metadate CD (brand only)	
	Quillichew ER	
Diabetes: Insulin	Lantus	Basaglar, Levemir
	Toujeo	
High Blood Pressure	Azor (brand and generic)	amlodipine + olmesartan (generic Benicar)
	Benicar (brand only)	olmesartan (generic Benicar)
	Benicar-HCT (brand only)	olmesartan/hydrochlorothiazide (generic Benicar-HCT)
	Tribenzor (brand and generic)	olmesartan/hydrochlorothiazide (generic Benicar-HCT) + amlodipine

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Lower-Cost Options
High Cholesterol	Zetia (brand only)	ezetimibe (generic Zetia)
Respiratory: Nasal Allergies	Nasonex (brand and generic)	fluticasone nasal spray (generic Flonase)
Transplant	Cellcept (brand only)	mycophenolate mofetil (generic Cellcept)
	Imuran (brand only)	azathioprine (generic Imuran)
	Myfortic (brand only)	mycophenolic acid DR tablet (generic Myfortic)
	Neoral (brand only)	cyclosporine modified capsules/Gengraf (generic Neoral)
	Prograf (brand only)	tacrolimus capsule (generic Prograf)
	Rapamune tablet (brand only)	sirolimus tablet (generic Rapamune)
	Sandimmune capsule (brand only)	cyclosporine (generic Sandimmune)
Women's Health: Contraceptives	Beyaz (brand only)	Gianvi, Loryna, Vestura, Nikki, or drospirenone/ethinyl estradiol (generic Yaz) + folic acid
Women's Health: Hormone Replacement	Vagifem (brand only)	Yuvafem (generic Vagifem)

*Prior authorization may be required

Legend medications with over-the-counter equivalents

Prescription medications containing the same active ingredient available in an over-the-counter product may be excluded from coverage

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Lower-Cost Options
Acne	Differin 0.1% gel (brand and generic)	OTC Differin gel

Non-FDA approved medications excluded from coverage

There are several prescription medications marketed that are not approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA). In order to ensure coverage is provided for FDA-approved medications, UnitedHealthcare excludes medications that are not approved by the FDA.

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name
Miscellaneous	anacaine ointment
	cetacaine spray
	cocaine 4% solution
	ethyl chloride spray
	Gebauer's spray

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