

PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

PROVIDER INFORMATION

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Pharmacy Benefit Update – New Drug-Related Step Therapy (ST) Criteria: Topical Corticosteroids

Effective July 1, 2019, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will require ST for brand topical corticosteroid agents.

The intent of the Topical Corticosteroids ST program is to encourage the use of generic topical corticosteroid agents over the targeted agents. Quantity limits will apply to these topical corticosteroid agents.

As stewards of healthcare expenditures for our subscribers, we are charged with ensuring they receive appropriate, quality care while also managing overall costs. The ST process ensures that the health service or drug being proposed is medically necessary, and reflective of evidence-based medicine and industry standards, prior to treatment. This process helps us manage the cost and quality of care appropriately for our members

| Target Agent(s) | Target Agent(s) |
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| Aclovate® 0.05% (aclometasone) cream ^a | Cordran® 0.05% (flurandrenolide) lotion ^a |
| Ala Scalp® 2% (hydrocortisone) lotion ^a | Cordran® 0.05% (flurandrenolide) ointment ^a |
| ApexiCon® E 0.05% (diflorasone diacetate) emollient cream | Cordran® 4 mcg/cm² (flurandrenolide) tape |
| Bryhali™ (halobetasol propionate) lotion 0.01% | Cutivate® 0.05% (fluticasone propionate) lotion ^a |
| Capex® 0.01% (fluocinolone acetonide) shampoo | Cutivate™ 0.05% (fluticasone propionate) cream ^a |
| Clobex® 0.05% (clobetasol propionate) lotion ^a | Cyclocort® 0.1% (amcinonide) cream ^{b,c} |
| Clobex® 0.05% (clobetasol propionate) shampoo ^a | Cyclocort® 0.1% (amcinonide) lotion ^{b,c} |
| Clobex® 0.05% (clobetasol propionate) spray ^a | Cyclocort® 0.1% (amcinonide) ointment ^{b,c} |
| Cloderm® 0.1% (clocortolone pivalate) cream ^c | Derma-Smoothe® 0.01% (fluocinolone acetonide) body oil ^a |
| Cordran® 0.025% (flurandrenolide) cream | Derma-Smoothe® 0.01% (fluocinolone acetonide) scalp oil ^a |
| Cordran® 0.05% (flurandrenolide) cream ^a | Dermatop® 0.1% (prednicarbate) cream ^{a,c} |

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| Dermatop® 0.1% (prednicarbate) ointment ^c | Olux® 0.05% (clobetasol propionate) foam ^a |
| Desonate® 0.05% (desonide) gel | Olux-E® 0.05% (clobetasol propionate) emulsion foam ^a |
| DesOwen® 0.05% (desonide) cream ^a | Pandel® 0.025% (hydrocortisone probutate) cream |
| DesOwen® 0.05% (desonide) lotion ^a | Psorcon® 0.05% (diflorasone diacetate) cream ^c |
| Diprolene® AF 0.05% (betamethasone dipropionate) cream ^a | Sernivo® 0.05% (betamethasone dipropionate) spray |
| Diprolene® 0.05% (betamethasone dipropionate augmented) gel ^{a,b,c} | Synalar® 0.025% (fluocinolone acetonide) cream ^a |
| Diprolene® 0.05% (betamethasone dipropionate augmented) lotion ^a | Synalar® 0.025% (fluocinolone acetonide) ointment ^a |
| Diprolene® 0.05% (betamethasone dipropionate augmented) ointment ^a | Synalar® 0.1% (fluocinolone acetonide) solution ^a |
| Elocon® 0.1% (mometasone furoate) cream ^a | Temovate® 0.05% (clobetasol propionate) cream ^a |
| Elocon® 0.1% (mometasone furoate) lotion/solution ^a | Temovate® 0.05% (clobetasol propionate) gel ^a |
| Elocon® 0.1% (mometasone furoate) ointment ^a | Temovate® 0.05% (clobetasol propionate) ointment ^a |
| Halog® 0.1% (halcinonide) cream | Temovate® 0.05% (clobetasol cream propionate) solution ^a |
| Halog® 0.1% (halcinonide) ointment | Temovate® E 0.05% (clobetasol propionate) emollient cream ^a |
| Impoz™ 0.025% (clobetasol propionate) | Texacort® 2.5% (hydrocortisone) solution |
| Kenalog® 0.147 mg/gm (triamcinolone acetonide) spray ^a | Topicort® 0.25% (desoximetasone) cream ^a |
| Lexette™ 0.05% (halobetasol propionate) foam | Topicort® 0.25% (desoximetasone) ointment ^a |
| Locoid® 0.1% (hydrocortisone butyrate) cream ^a | Topicort® 0.25% (desoximetasone) spray ^a |
| Locoid® 0.1% (hydrocortisone butyrate) lotion ^a | Topicort® 0.05% (desoximetasone) gel ^a |
| Locoid® 0.1% (hydrocortisone butyrate) ointment ^a | Trianex® 0.05% (triamcinolone acetonide) ointment |
| Locoid® 0.1% (hydrocortisone butyrate) solution ^a | Tridesilon™ 0.05% (desonide) cream ^a |
| Locoid® Lipocream 0.1% (hydrocortisone butyrate) cream ^a | Ultravate® 0.05% (halobetasol propionate) cream ^a |
| Locoid® 0.1% (hydrocortisone butyrate) solution ^a | Ultravate® 0.05% (halobetasol propionate) lotion |
| Locoid® Lipocream 0.1% (hydrocortisone butyrate) cream ^a | Ultravate® 0.05% (halobetasol propionate) ointment ^a |
| Luxiq® 0.12% (betamethasone valerate) foam ^a | Westcort® 0.2% (hydrocortisone valerate) ointment ^a |

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| Micort-HC™ 2.5% (hydrocortisone acetate) cream | Vanos® 0.1% (fluocinonide) cream ^a |
| Verdeso® 0.05% (desonide) foam | |

a – available as a generic; included as a prerequisite in the step therapy program

b – brand not available

c – branded generic product(s) available; targeted in the step therapy program

Products Impacted

This ST program applies to commercial line of business.

New ST criteria will be posted by June 1, 2019 and may be accessed using the Blue Cross provider link.

- Access **providers.bluecrossmn.com**
- Under Tools and Resources, select Medical policy, then acknowledge the Acceptance statement
- Select View All Active Policies
- Select Pharmacy Utilization Management Programs

CoverMyMeds prior authorization request service

Prescribers can submit ePA drug requests for Blue Cross subscribers who have pharmacy benefits through Blue Cross by either submitting a request through CoverMyMeds's (CMM) free web portal or by sending an electronic NCPDP file to Prime through an integrated Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system during the e-prescribing process.

- To access CMM, go to www.covermymeds.com
- The first time you use the portal to submit a PA, you will need to create a CMM account.
- For help using the CMM site select Support (top of the web page) to view FAQs, CMM physician training webinar offerings, and support options to help you get started.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.