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Commercial Pharmacy Benefit Exclusion for Select Medications

Effective July 1, 2023, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will not cover these medications under the pharmacy benefit. Members must use a medication alternative that is covered under the pharmacy benefit plan or pay full price for use of the medication. A summary of the excluded medications and preferred formulary alternatives can be found below.

Excluded Medications	Preferred Formulary Alternatives
calcitriol oral solution 1 mcg/ml	calcitriol capsule
colesevelam hcl packet for oral suspension 3.75 gm	colesevelam tablet
diltiazem hcl coated beads tablet er 420 mg	diltiazem hcl coated beads capsule er 24 hr
doxercalciferol capsule 0.5 mcg, 1 mcg, 2.5 mcg	calcitriol capsule
Fylnetra® (pegfilgrastim-pbbk) solution, prefilled syringe 6 mg/0.6ml	Neulasta®, Neulasta Onpro®, Ziextenzo™
isradipine capsule 2.5 mg, 5 mg	amlodipine besylate tablet, felodipine tablet er, nifedipine capsule and tablet er 24 hr, nimodipine capsule
Javygtor™ (sapropterin dihydrochloride) tablet 100 mg; powder packet 100 mg, 500 mg	sapropterin dihydrochloride powder packet, sapropterin dihydrochloride tablet
Matzim LA (diltiazem hcl) coated beads tablet er 24hr 420 mg	diltiazem hcl coated beads capsule er 24 hr
Minocycline hcl tablet er 24hr biphasic release 105 mg, 135 mg (authorized generic of Minolira)	doxycycline hyclate capsule, doxycycline hyclate tablet (20 mg, 100 mg), doxycycline monohydrate capsule (50 mg, 100 mg), doxycycline monohydrate tablet, minocycline hcl capsule
nicardipine capsule 20 mg, 30 mg	amlodipine besylate tablet, felodipine tablet er, nifedipine capsule and tablet er 24 hr, nimodipine capsule
Nisoldipine tablet er 24hr 20 mg, 25.5 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg	amlodipine besylate tablet, felodipine tablet er, nifedipine capsule and tablet er 24 hr, nimodipine capsule
Nitromist® (nitroglycerin) oral spray 400 mcg/spray	nitroglycerin lingual 400 mcg/spray
paricalcitol capsule 1 mcg, 2 mcg, 4 mcg	calcitriol capsule
Stimufend® (pegfilgrastim-fpgk) solution, prefilled syringe 6 mg/0.6ml	Neulasta®, Neulasta Onpro®, Ziextenzo™
telmisartan-hydrochlorothiazide tablet 40-12.5 mg, 80-12.5 mg, 80-25 mg	candesartan-hydrochlorothiazide tablet, irbesartan-hydrochlorothiazide tablet, losartan-hydrochlorothiazide tablet, olmesartan-hydrochlorothiazide tablet, valsartan-hydrochlorothiazide tablet, telmisartan tablet, hydrochlorothiazide tablet

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Excluded Medications	Preferred Formulary Alternatives
Trandolapril-Verapamil hcl er tablet 1-240 mg, 2-180 mg, 2-240 mg, 4-240 mg	amlodipine besylate-benazepril hcl capsule
Verapamil hcl capsule er 24hr 100 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg, 360 mg	verapamil hcl capsule er 24hr 120 mg, 180 mg, 240 mg, verapamil hcl er tablet 120 mg, 180 mg, 240 mg
Verelan PM (verapamil hcl) capsule er 24hr 100 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg	verapamil hcl capsule er 24hr 120 mg, 180 mg, 240 mg, verapamil hcl er tablet 120 mg, 180 mg, 240 mg

Products Impacted

These exclusions apply to the commercial lines of business.

Questions?

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