

# 2022 2 Tier Standard - Amerihealth Caritas VIP Care

## 2022 Step Therapy Criteria

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### anticonvulsant step therapy

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#### Products Affected

- APTIOM TABLET 200 MG ORAL
- APTIOM TABLET 400 MG ORAL
- APTIOM TABLET 600 MG ORAL
- APTIOM TABLET 800 MG ORAL
- SPRITAM TABLET DISINTEGRATING SOLUBLE 1000 MG ORAL
- SPRITAM TABLET DISINTEGRATING SOLUBLE 250 MG ORAL
- SPRITAM TABLET DISINTEGRATING SOLUBLE 500 MG ORAL
- SPRITAM TABLET DISINTEGRATING SOLUBLE 750 MG ORAL
- XCOPRI (250 MG DAILY DOSE) TABLET THERAPY PACK 100 & 150 MG ORAL
- XCOPRI (250 MG DAILY DOSE) TABLET THERAPY PACK 50 & 200 MG ORAL
- XCOPRI (350 MG DAILY DOSE) TABLET THERAPY PACK 150 & 200 MG ORAL
- XCOPRI TABLET 100 MG ORAL
- XCOPRI TABLET 150 MG ORAL
- XCOPRI TABLET 200 MG ORAL
- XCOPRI TABLET 50 MG ORAL
- XCOPRI TABLET THERAPY PACK 14 X 12.5 MG & 14 X 25 MG ORAL
- XCOPRI TABLET THERAPY PACK 14 X 150 MG & 14 X200 MG ORAL
- XCOPRI TABLET THERAPY PACK 14 X 50 MG & 14 X100 MG ORAL

#### Details

Criteria
Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial of two of the following medications: carbamazepine, carbamazepine ER, divalproex sodium, divalproex sodium ER, gabapentin, lamotrigine, lamotrigine ER, levetiracetam, levetiracetam ER, oxcarbazepine, valproic acid, zonisamide, phenytoin, phenytoin ER, felbamate, ethosuxamide, topiramate, primidone, Dilantin, phenobarbital, or tiagabine. Step 2: Once two of the medications listed in Step 1 have been tried, patients can receive therapy with Aptiom, Spritam, or Xcopri.

# antidepressant step therapy

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## Products Affected

- FETZIMA CAPSULE EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 120 MG ORAL
- FETZIMA CAPSULE EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 20 MG ORAL
- FETZIMA CAPSULE EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 40 MG ORAL
- FETZIMA CAPSULE EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 80 MG ORAL
- FETZIMA TITRATION CAPSULE ER 24 HOUR THERAPY PACK 20 & 40 MG ORAL

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial of two of the following medications: citalopram, duloxetine, escitalopram, fluoxetine, paroxetine, sertraline, venlafaxine, venlafaxine ER or desvenlafaxine ER. Step 2: Once two of the medications listed in step 1 have been tried, patient can receive therapy with Fetzima.
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# brinzolamide step therapy

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## Products Affected

- *brinzolamide suspension 1 % ophthalmic*

## Details

<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial of formulary dorzolamide or dorzolamide/timolol. Step 2: Once dorzolamide or dorzolamide/timolol has been tried, the patient can receive therapy with brinzolamide.
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# combivent step therapy

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## Products Affected

- COMBIVENT RESPIMAT AEROSOL SOLUTION 20-100 MCG/ACT INHALATION

## Details

<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial of Anoro Ellipta, Bevespi Aerosphere, or Stiolto Respimat. Step 2: Once Anoro Ellipta, Bevespi Aerosphere, or Stiolto Respimat has been tried, patients can receive therapy with Combivent Respimat.
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# drizalma step therapy

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## Products Affected

- DRIZALMA SPRINKLE CAPSULE  
DELAYED RELEASE SPRINKLE 20  
MG ORAL
- DRIZALMA SPRINKLE CAPSULE  
DELAYED RELEASE SPRINKLE 30  
MG ORAL
- DRIZALMA SPRINKLE CAPSULE  
DELAYED RELEASE SPRINKLE 40  
MG ORAL
- DRIZALMA SPRINKLE CAPSULE  
DELAYED RELEASE SPRINKLE 60  
MG ORAL

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial of generic duloxetine. Step 2: Once generic duloxetine has been tried, patients can receive therapy with Drizalma.
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# esomeprazole step therapy

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## Products Affected

- *esomeprazole magnesium capsule delayed release 20 mg oral*
- *esomeprazole magnesium capsule delayed release 40 mg oral*

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial of two of the following medications: omeprazole, pantoprazole or lansoprazole. Step 2: Once two of these medications have been tried, patients may receive therapy with esomeprazole magnesium.
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# febuxostat step therapy

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## Products Affected

- *febuxostat tablet 40 mg oral*
- *febuxostat tablet 80 mg oral*

## Details

<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial of allopurinol tablet. Step 2: Once allopurinol tablet has been tried, patients can receive therapy with Febuxostat.
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# ongentys step therapy

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## Products Affected

- ONGENTYS CAPSULE 25 MG ORAL
- ONGENTYS CAPSULE 50 MG ORAL

## Details

<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial of entacapone or carbidopa-levodopa-entacapone. Step 2: Once entacapone or carbidopa-levodopa-entacapone has been tried, patients can receive therapy with Ongentys.
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# **rhopressa step therapy**

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## **Products Affected**

- RHOPRESSA SOLUTION 0.02 %  
OPHTHALMIC

## **Details**

<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial of latanoprost or travoprost. Step 2: Once latanoprost or travoprost has been tried, patients can receive therapy with Rhopressa.
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# rivastigmine patch step therapy

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## Products Affected

- *rivastigmine patch 24 hour 13.3 mg/24hr transdermal*
- *rivastigmine patch 24 hour 9.5 mg/24hr transdermal*
- *rivastigmine patch 24 hour 4.6 mg/24hr transdermal*

## Details

<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial of rivastigmine capsule. Step 2: Once rivastigmine capsule has been tried, patients can receive therapy with rivastigmine patches.
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# topical immunomodulators step therapy

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## Products Affected

- *pimecrolimus cream 1 % external*
- *tacrolimus ointment 0.03 % external*
- *tacrolimus ointment 0.1 % external*

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial of two topical corticosteroids. Step 2: Once two topical corticosteroids have been tried, patients can receive therapy with generic pimecrolimus or generic topical tacrolimus.
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# urinary incontinence agents step therapy

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## Products Affected

- *darifenacin hydrobromide er tablet extended release 24 hour 15 mg oral*
- *darifenacin hydrobromide er tablet extended release 24 hour 7.5 mg oral*
- *tolterodine tartrate er capsule extended release 24 hour 2 mg oral*
- *tolterodine tartrate er capsule extended release 24 hour 4 mg oral*
- *trospium chloride er capsule extended release 24 hour 60 mg oral*

## Details

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Criteria	
	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial of oxybutynin, oxybutynin ER, trospium, tolterodine, or solifenacin. Step 2: Second line therapy should be tolterodine ER or trospium ER or darifenacin ER.

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# **zafirlukast step therapy**

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## **Products Affected**

- *zafirlukast tablet 10 mg oral*
- *zafirlukast tablet 20 mg oral*

## **Details**

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<b>Criteria</b>	
	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial of montelukast. Step 2: Once montelukast has been tried, patients may receive therapy with zafirlukast.

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