

2026 6 Tier Standard - AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care PA (HMO-DSNP)

2026 Step Therapy Criteria

CURRENT AS OF 03/01/2026

anticonvulsant step therapy

Products Affected

- FYCOMPA SUSPENSION 0.5 MG/ML ORAL
- *levetiracetam tablet disintegrating soluble 250 mg oral*
- *levetiracetam tablet disintegrating soluble 500 mg oral*
- *perampanel suspension 0.5 mg/ml oral*
- *perampanel tablet 10 mg oral*
- *perampanel tablet 12 mg oral*
- *perampanel tablet 2 mg oral*
- *perampanel tablet 4 mg oral*
- *perampanel tablet 6 mg oral*
- *perampanel tablet 8 mg oral*
- SPRITAM TABLET DISINTEGRATING SOLUBLE 250 MG ORAL
- SPRITAM TABLET DISINTEGRATING SOLUBLE 500 MG ORAL
- SYMPAZAN FILM 10 MG ORAL
- SYMPAZAN FILM 20 MG ORAL
- SYMPAZAN FILM 5 MG ORAL
- XCOPRI (250 MG DAILY DOSE) TABLET THERAPY PACK 100 & 150 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 25 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
- ZONISADE SUSPENSION 100 MG/5ML ORAL

Details

Criteria	
	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial, failure, or contraindication of two generic anticonvulsants. Step 2: Once two generic anticonvulsants have been tried, failed, or contraindicated patients can receive therapy with Spritam, generic levetiracetam oral disintegrating tablet, Sympazan, Xcopri, Fycompa, generic perampanel or Zonisade oral solution.

antidepressant step therapy

Products Affected

- EXXUA TABLET EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 18.2 MG ORAL
- EXXUA TABLET EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 36.3 MG ORAL
- EXXUA TABLET EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 54.5 MG ORAL
- EXXUA TABLET EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 72.6 MG ORAL
- EXXUA TITRATION PACK TABLET EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 18.2 MG ORAL
- 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

Criteria	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial, failure, or contraindication of either (1) two generic antidepressants OR (2) Drizalma and one generic antidepressant. Step 2: Once two step one antidepressants have been tried, failed, or contraindicated patient can receive therapy with Fetzima or Exxua.
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brinzolamide and dorzolamide-timolol PF step therapy

Products Affected

- *brinzolamide suspension 1 % ophthalmic*
- *dorzolamide hcl-timolol mal pf solution 2-0.5 % ophthalmic*

Details

Criteria	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial, failure, or contraindication of formulary dorzolamide or dorzolamide/timolol ophthalmic solution. Step 2: Once dorzolamide or dorzolamide/timolol ophthalmic solution has been tried, failed, or contraindicated the patient can receive therapy with brinzolamide or Dorzolamide-Timolol PF Ophthalmic Solution.
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drizalma step therapy

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

Criteria	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial, failure, or contraindication of generic formulary duloxetine. Step 2: Once generic formulary duloxetine has been tried, failed, or contraindicated the patient can receive therapy with drizalma.
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febuxostat step therapy

Products Affected

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

Details

Criteria	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial, failure, or contraindication of allopurinol tablet. Step 2: Once allopurinol tablet has been tried, failed, or contraindicated patients can receive therapy with Febuxostat.
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netarsudil step therapy

Products Affected

- RHOPRESSA SOLUTION 0.02 %
OPHTHALMIC
- ROCKLATAN SOLUTION 0.02-0.005 %
OPHTHALMIC

Details

Criteria	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial, failure, or contraindication of latanoprost or travoprost. Step 2: Once latanoprost or travoprost has been tried, failed, or contraindicated patients can receive therapy with Rhopressa or Rocklatan.
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ongentys step therapy

Products Affected

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

Details

Criteria	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial, failure, or contraindication of entacapone or carbidopa-levodopa-entacapone. Step 2: Once entacapone or carbidopa-levodopa-entacapone has been tried, failed, or contraindicated patients can receive therapy with Ongentys.
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savella step therapy

Products Affected

- SAVELLA TABLET 100 MG ORAL
- SAVELLA TABLET 12.5 MG ORAL
- SAVELLA TABLET 25 MG ORAL
- SAVELLA TABLET 50 MG ORAL
- SAVELLA TITRATION PACK 12.5 & 25 & 50 MG ORAL

Details

Criteria	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial, failure, or contraindication to duloxetine or pregabalin. Step 2: Once duloxetine or pregabalin has been tried, failed or contraindicated patients can receive therapy with Savella.
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topical immunomodulators step therapy

Products Affected

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

Details

Criteria	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial, failure, or contraindication of two topical corticosteroids. Step 2: Once two topical corticosteroids have been tried, failed, or contraindicated patients can receive therapy with generic pimecrolimus or generic topical tacrolimus.
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urinary incontinence agents step therapy

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*
- *trospium chloride er capsule extended release 24 hour 60 mg oral*

Details

Criteria	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial, failure or contraindication of 2 of the following: oxybutynin, oxybutynin ER, trospium, tolterodine, tolterodine ER, fesoterodine ER, or solifenacin. Step 2: Once two of the medications listed in Step 1 have been tried, failed, or contraindicated, patients can receive therapy with trospium ER or darifenacin ER
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xhance

Products Affected

- XHANCE EXHALER SUSPENSION 93 MCG/ACT NASAL

Details

Criteria	Step 1: First line therapy should be a documented trial, failure, or contraindication of generic fluticasone or mometasone nasal spray. Step 2: Once generic fluticasone or mometasone nasal spray have been tried, failed, or contraindicated patients can receive therapy with Xhance.
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DRIZALMA SPRINKLE CAPSULE
DELAYED RELEASE SPRINKLE 20
MG ORAL 4

DRIZALMA SPRINKLE CAPSULE
DELAYED RELEASE SPRINKLE 30
MG ORAL 4

DRIZALMA SPRINKLE CAPSULE
DELAYED RELEASE SPRINKLE 40
MG ORAL 4

DRIZALMA SPRINKLE CAPSULE
DELAYED RELEASE SPRINKLE 60
MG ORAL 4

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EXXUA TABLET EXTENDED RELEASE
24 HOUR 18.2 MG ORAL..... 2

EXXUA TABLET EXTENDED RELEASE
24 HOUR 36.3 MG ORAL..... 2

EXXUA TABLET EXTENDED RELEASE
24 HOUR 54.5 MG ORAL..... 2

EXXUA TABLET EXTENDED RELEASE
24 HOUR 72.6 MG ORAL..... 2

EXXUA TITRATION PACK TABLET
EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 18.2
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febuxostat tablet 40 mg oral..... 5

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FETZIMA CAPSULE EXTENDED
RELEASE 24 HOUR 120 MG ORAL ... 2

FETZIMA CAPSULE EXTENDED
RELEASE 24 HOUR 20 MG ORAL 2

FETZIMA CAPSULE EXTENDED
RELEASE 24 HOUR 40 MG ORAL 2

FETZIMA CAPSULE EXTENDED
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FETZIMA TITRATION CAPSULE ER 24
HOUR THERAPY PACK 20 & 40 MG
ORAL..... 2

FYCOMPA SUSPENSION 0.5 MG/ML
ORAL..... 1

L

levetiracetam tablet disintegrating soluble
250 mg oral 1

levetiracetam tablet disintegrating soluble
500 mg oral 1

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perampanel suspension 0.5 mg/ml oral..... 1

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OPHTHALMIC 6

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SAVELLA TABLET 12.5 MG ORAL..... 8

SAVELLA TABLET 25 MG ORAL..... 8

SAVELLA TABLET 50 MG ORAL..... 8

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SPRITAM TABLET DISINTEGRATING
SOLUBLE 250 MG ORAL 1

SPRITAM TABLET DISINTEGRATING
SOLUBLE 500 MG ORAL 1

SYMPAZAN FILM 10 MG ORAL..... 1

SYMPAZAN FILM 20 MG ORAL..... 1

SYMPAZAN FILM 5 MG ORAL..... 1

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XCOPRI (250 MG DAILY DOSE)
TABLET THERAPY PACK 100 & 150
MG ORAL 1
XCOPRI (350 MG DAILY DOSE)
TABLET THERAPY PACK 150 & 200
MG ORAL 1
XCOPRI TABLET 100 MG ORAL 1
XCOPRI TABLET 150 MG ORAL 1
XCOPRI TABLET 200 MG ORAL 1
XCOPRI TABLET 25 MG ORAL 1

XCOPRI TABLET 50 MG ORAL 1
XCOPRI TABLET THERAPY PACK 14 X
12.5 MG & 14 X 25 MG ORAL..... 1
XCOPRI TABLET THERAPY PACK 14 X
150 MG & 14 X200 MG ORAL..... 1
XCOPRI TABLET THERAPY PACK 14 X
50 MG & 14 X100 MG ORAL..... 1
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