

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Medicare Advantage Preferred Drug List
Medicare Part B Step Therapy
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The CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Medicare Advantage Preferred Drug List encourages utilization of clinically appropriate and lower net cost products within the following therapeutic drug classes. Where medically appropriate, the preferred medications listed in the chart below will need to be tried first before a non-preferred medication can be covered. This step therapy requirement does not apply to plan members who are actively receiving treatment with non-preferred products on the CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Medicare Advantage Preferred Drug List.

Drug Class	Non-Preferred Product(s)	Preferred Product(s)
Acromegaly	Signifor LAR Somavert	Sandostatin LAR Somatuline Depot
Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency	Aralast Glassia Zemaira	Prolastin-C
Autoimmune Infused/Infliximab	Infliximab Remicade	Avsola Inflectra Renflexis
Autoimmune Infused/Other	Actemra Cimzia Ilumya Orencia Simponi Aria Stelara	Entyvio

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Drug Class	Non-Preferred Product(s)	Preferred Product(s)
Bevacizumab	Avastin	Mvasi Zirabev
Botulinum Toxins	Botox Myobloc	Dysport Xeomin
Hematologic, Erythropoiesis – Stimulating Agents (ESA)	Epogen Mircera Procrit	Aranesp Retacrit
Hematologic, Neutropenia Colony Stimulating Factors – Short Acting	Granix Leukine Neupogen	Nivestym Zarxio
Hematologic, Neutropenia Colony Stimulating Factors – Long Acting	Neulasta	Fulphila Nyvepria Udenyca Ziextenzo
Lysosomal Storage Disorders – Gaucher Disease	Cerezyme VPRIV	Elelyso
Multiple Sclerosis (Infused)	Lemtrada	Tysabri
Osteoarthritis, Viscosupplements – Single Injection	Durolane Gel-One	Synvisc-One Monovisc

Drug Class	Non-Preferred Product(s)	Preferred Product(s)
Osteoarthritis, Viscosupplements – Multi Injection	Euflexxa Gelsyn-3 GenVisc Hyalgan Hymovis TriVisc Visco-3	Orthovisc Synvisc
Prostate Cancer – Luteinizing Hormone Releasing Hormone (LHRH) Antagonists Agents		Firmagon
Prostate Cancer – Luteinizing Hormone Releasing Hormone (LHRH) Agents	Lupron Depot Trelstar Zoladex	Eligard
Retinal Disorders Agents	Beovu Eylea Lucentis	Avastin
Rituximab	Rituxan Rituxan Hycela	Riabni Ruxience Truxima
Severe Asthma	Cinqair Fasenra	Nucala Xolair

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Trastuzumab	Herceptin Herceptin Hylecta	Herzuma Kanjinti Ogivri Ontruzant Trazimera