

2019 Step Therapy Criteria  
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 Formulary ID: 19529, 19530

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<b>APLENZIN</b> ( <i>bupropion hbr</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mirtazapine, nefazodone, citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, bupropion, Paxil oral suspension, or desvenlafaxine succinate</li> </ul>
<b>BAXDELA TABS ORAL 450 MG</b> ( <i>delafloxacin meglumine</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of an alternative Fluoroquinolone with a look-back period of 30 days
<b>BUPROPION HCL ER</b> ( <i>bupropion hcl</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mirtazapine, nefazodone, citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, bupropion, Paxil oral suspension, or desvenlafaxine succinate</li> </ul>
<b>BYDUREON</b> ( <i>exenatide extended release</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• generic metformin or Riomet</li> </ul>
<b>BYETTA</b> ( <i>exenatide</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• generic metformin or Riomet</li> </ul>
<b>DESVENLAFAXINE ER</b> ( <i>desvenlafaxine SR</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mirtazapine, nefazodone, citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, bupropion, Paxil oral suspension, or desvenlafaxine succinate</li> </ul>
<b>DEXILANT</b> ( <i>dexlansoprazole</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lansoprazole</li> <li>• omeprazole</li> <li>• pantoprazole</li> </ul>
<b>FETZIMA</b> ( <i>levomilnacipran hcl</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mirtazapine, nefazodone, citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, bupropion, Paxil oral suspension, or desvenlafaxine succinate.</li> </ul>

No changes made since 05/2019

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<b>FORFIVO XL</b> ( <i>bupropion hcl</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mirtazapine, nefazodone, citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, bupropion, Paxil oral suspension, or desvenlafaxine succinate</li> </ul>
<b>KHEDEZLA</b> ( <i>desvenlafaxine SR</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mirtazapine, nefazodone, citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, bupropion, Paxil oral suspension, or desvenlafaxine succinate</li> </ul>
<b>LOKELMA</b> ( <i>sodium zirconium cyclosilicate</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sodium polystyrene sulfonate powder</li> </ul>
<b>NEXIUM</b> ( <i>esomeprazole magnesium</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of <b>two</b> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lansoprazole</li> <li>• omeprazole</li> <li>• pantoprazole</li> </ul>
<b>ZEGERID</b> ( <i>omeprazole 20mg-sodium bicarbonate 1680mg powd pack for susp</i> ) ( <i>Only Health Net Seniority Plus Employer (HMO)</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of <b>two</b> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lansoprazole</li> <li>• omeprazole</li> <li>• pantoprazole</li> </ul>
<b>PEXEVA</b> ( <i>paroxetine mesylate</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mirtazapine, nefazodone, citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, bupropion, Paxil oral suspension, or desvenlafaxine succinate</li> </ul>
<b>TANZEUM</b> ( <i>albiglutide</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• generic metformin or Riomet</li> </ul>
<b>TRINTELLIX</b> ( <i>vortioxetine hbr</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mirtazapine, nefazodone, citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, bupropion, Paxil oral suspension, or desvenlafaxine succinate</li> </ul>
<b>TRULICITY</b> ( <i>dulaglutide</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• generic metformin or Riomet</li> </ul>
<b>VASCEPA</b> ( <i>icosapent ethyl</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• omega-3-acid ethyl esters</li> </ul>

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<b>VELTASSA</b> ( <i>patiomer sorbitex calcium</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sodium polystyrene sulfonate powder</li> </ul>
<b>VEMLIDY</b> ( <i>tenofovir alafenamide fumarate</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• entecavir, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300mg, or Baraclude oral solution</li> </ul>
<b>VENLAFAXINE HCL ER 225 mg</b> ( <i>venlafaxine hcl 225 mg SR tab</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mirtazapine, nefazodone, citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, bupropion, Paxil oral suspension, or desvenlafaxine succinate</li> </ul>
<b>VICTOZA</b> ( <i>liraglutide</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• generic metformin or Riomet</li> </ul>
<b>VIIBRYD</b> ( <i>vilazodone hcl</i> )	Must have a paid claims history of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mirtazapine, nefazodone, citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, bupropion, Paxil oral suspension, or desvenlafaxine succinate</li> </ul>