

2019 Step Therapy Criteria
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 Formulary ID: 19529, 19530

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

No changes made since 09/2018

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KHEDEZLA (<i>desvenlafaxine SR</i>)	Must have a paid claims history of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mirtazapine, nefazodone, citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, bupropion, Paxil oral suspension, or desvenlafaxine succinate
NEXIUM (<i>esomeprazole magnesium</i>)	Must have a paid claims history of two of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lansoprazole • omeprazole • pantoprazole
PEXEVA (<i>paroxetine mesylate</i>)	Must have a paid claims history of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mirtazapine, nefazodone, citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, bupropion, Paxil oral suspension, or desvenlafaxine succinate
TANZEUM (<i>albiglutide</i>)	Must have a paid claims history of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generic metformin or Riomet
TRINTELLIX (<i>vortioxetine hbr</i>)	Must have a paid claims history of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mirtazapine, nefazodone, citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, bupropion, Paxil oral suspension, or desvenlafaxine succinate
TRULICITY (<i>dulaglutide</i>)	Must have a paid claims history of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generic metformin or Riomet
VASCEPA (<i>icosapent ethyl</i>)	Must have a paid claims history of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • omega-3-acid ethyl esters
VELTASSA (<i>patiromer sorbitex calcium</i>)	Must have a paid claims history of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sodium polystyrene sulfonate powder
VEMLIDY (<i>tenofovir alafenamide fumarate</i>)	Must have a paid claims history of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • entecavir, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300mg, or Baraclude oral solution
VENLAFAXINE HCL ER 225 mg (<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"> • mirtazapine, nefazodone, citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, bupropion, Paxil oral suspension, or desvenlafaxine succinate
VICTOZA (<i>liraglutide</i>)	Must have a paid claims history of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generic metformin or Riomet

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VIIBRYD (<i>vilazodone hcl</i>)	Must have a paid claims history of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="721 289 1344 466">• mirtazapine, nefazodone, citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, bupropion, Paxil oral suspension, or desvenlafaxine succinate