

## Step Therapy Drugs and Criteria

Step Therapy Criteria require the use of certain drugs before the approval of the designated 'step drug'. This is done automatically by the pharmacy claims processing system. If the required first line drug(s) is (are) not found in the most recent 180 days of pharmacy claims when the 'step drug' is processing at the pharmacy, the prescription will reject and the 'step drug' will need prior authorization before use.

Prior Authorization Department, open 24/7.

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Step Drug	Step Criteria
Aciphex	Use first: omeprazole, Prilosec OTC, or generic pantoprazole
Actos	Use first: metformin or a metformin containing combination product
ActosPlus Met	Use first: metformin or a thiazolidinedione (TZD)
Avalide	Use first: ACE Inhibitors and hydrochlorothiazide
Avandamet	Use first: metformin or a thiazolidinedione (TZD)
Avandia	Use first: metformin or a metformin containing combination product
Avandryl	Use first: metformin or a sulfonylurea ( glipizide, glyburide, glimepiride)
Avapro	Use ACE Inhibitors and hydrochlorothiazide first
Celebrex	Use first: Two formulary NSAIDS or salicylates and APAP
Cozaar	Use ACE Inhibitors and hydrochlorothiazide first
Denavir Topical	Use first: oral acyclovir
Duetact	Use first: metformin or a sulfonylurea ( glipizide, glyburide, glimepiride)
Effexor XR	Use first: generic venlafaxine or generic venlafaxine ER
Hyzaar	Use ACE Inhibitors and hydrochlorothiazide first
Lescol	Use first: generic pravastatin, generic lovastatin, or generic simvastatin
Maxalt	Use first: oral generic sumatriptan
Mirapex	Use first: generic ropinirole
Nexium	Use first: omeprazole, Prilosec OTC, or generic pantoprazole
Oxycontin	Use first: MS Contin generic (morphine SR)
Oxytrol	Use first: generic oral oxybutynin IR or ER
pantoprazole	Use first: omeprazole, or Prilosec OTC
selegiline	Use first: generic carbidopa/levodopa or generic carbidopa/levodopa ER
Stalevo	Use first: carbidopa/levodopa and Comtan.
Strattera	Use first: Adderall, Adderall XL, Concerta, Ritalin, or Dexedrine (see formulary list for generic and brand products on the formulary)
Valtrex Therapy	Use first: oral acyclovir
Zetia Therapy	Use first: any statin (lovastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, Crestor)
Zomig	Use first: oral generic sumatriptan
Zovirax Cream	Use first: oral acyclovir and Denavir
Zovirax Ointment	Use first: oral acyclovir