

North Carolina Division of Health Benefits  
 North Carolina Medicaid and Health Choice

**Preferred Branded Products**

Preferred Drug List (PDL)

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**Note:** Products in red\* are Preferred Branded Products that have a non-preferred generic equivalent

Therapeutic Class Drug Class	Medication	Preferred Branded Product
<b>Alzheimer's Agents</b>		
	Rivastigmine (Transdermal)	Exelon® Patch*
<b>Analgesics</b>		
Long-acting Opioids		
	Buprenorphine patch	Butrans® Patch*
	Oxycodone ER	Xtampza® ER Capsule
Orally Disintegrating / Oral Spray Schedule II Opioids		
	Fentanyl	Actiq® Lozenge*
Short-acting Schedule II Opioids		
	Oxycodone/APAP	Endocet® Tablet (branded generic for Percocet®)
<b>Anticonvulsants</b>		
Carbamazepine derivatives		
	Eslicarbazepine acetate	Aptiom® Tablet
	Carbamazepine XR	Equetro® Capsule
	Oxcarbazepine XR	Oxtellar® XR Tablet
	Carbamazepine	Tegretol® Suspension / Tablet / XR Tablet*
First Generation		
	Methsuximide	Celontin® Kapseal
	Phenytoin	Dilantin® Capsule / Infatab / Suspension
	Phenytoin ER	Phenytek® Capsule
Second Generation		
	Diazepam rectal system	Diastat® Acudial® / Pedi System*
	Tiagabine	Gabitril® Tablet*
	Levetiracetam	Roweepra™ Tablet
	Vigabatrin powder	Sabril® Powder Packet*
<b>Anti-infectives - Systemic</b>		
Penicillins, Cephalosporins and related		
	Penicillin G benzathine and penicillin G procaine injectable suspension	Bicillin C-R injection
	Penicillin G Potassium Injection	Pfizerpen® injection/ vial
	Piperacillin/tazobactam	Zosyn® injection/ vial
	Ampicillin/Sulbactam	Unasyn® injection/ vial

Lincosamides and Oxazolidinones		
	Clindamycin	Cleocin® Granules
Macrolides and Ketolides		
	Erythromycin ethylsuccinate	E.E.S.® Granules / Filmstab*
	Erythromycin ethylsuccinate	Eryped® Suspension*
	Erythromycin base	Erythrocin® Filmstab
Quinolones		
	Ciprofloxacin	Cipro® Suspension*
Antivirals (Hepatitis B Agents)		
	Tenofovir	Viread® Powder / Tablet
Antivirals (Hepatitis C Agents)		
	Peginterferon alfa-2a	Pegasys® Syringe
All genotypes without cirrhosis		
	Glecaprevir and pibrentasvir	Mavyret™ Tablet (8 weeks of therapy)
All genotypes with compensated cirrhosis (Child Pugh-A)		
	Glecaprevir and pibrentasvir	Mavyret™ Tablet (Up to 12 weeks of therapy)
All genotypes previously treated with an HCV regimen containing an NS5A inhibitor or genotype 1a or 3 infection and have previously been treated with an HCV regimen containing sofosbuvir without an NS5A inhibitor.		
	Sofosbuvir, velpatasvir, voxilaprevir	Vosevi™
Antibiotics, Inhaled		
	Tobramycin inhalation solution	Kitabis™ Pak*
	Tobramycin inhalation solution	Bethkis®*
<b>Behavioral Health</b>		
Antihyperkinesia / ADHD		
	Methylphenidate ER capsule	Aptensio® XR Capsule*
	Amphetamine salt combo XR	Adderall® XR Capsule*
	Methylphenidate ER tablet	Concerta® Tablet*
	Methylphenidate patch	Daytrana® Patch
	Amphetamine XR liquid	Dyanavel® XR Suspension
	Dexmethylphenidate tablet / ER capsules	Focalin® Tablet / XR Capsule*
	Methylphenidate solution	Methylin® Solution*
	Methylphenidate ER	Quillichew® ER Tablet
	Methylphenidate XR liquid	Quillivant® XR Suspension

	Lisdexamfetamine	Vyvanse® Capsule / Chewable Tablet
Injectable Antipsychotics		
Injectable Long-acting		
	Aripiprazole	Abilify Maintena® Syringe / Vial
	Aripiprazole	Aristada® / Initio™ Syringe
	Haloperidol	Haldol® decanoate Ampule
	Paliperidone	Invega® Sustenna Prefilled Syringe Invega® Trinza Syringe
	Risperidone	Perseris® Syringe
	Risperidone	Risperdal® Consta Syringe
	Olanzapine	Zyprexa® Relprevv™ Vial Kit
Atypical Antipsychotics		
Oral / Topicals		
	<del>Clozapine</del>	<del>FazaClo® ODT*</del> Removed in 6/25/21 update
	Lurasidone	Latuda® Tablet
	Asenapine	Saphris® SL Tablet
	Olanzapine and fluoxetine	Symbyax® Capsule*
<b>Cardiovascular</b>		
Angiotensin II Receptor / Nepriylsin Blocker Combinations		
	Sacubitril-valsartan	Entresto®
Beta-blockers		
	Sotalol	Sorine® Tablet
Coronary Vasodilators		
	Nitroglycerin	Minitran® Patch
	Nitroglycerin	Nitrostat® SL Tablet
Direct Renin Inhibitor		
	Aliskiren	Tekturna® Tablet*
	Aliskiren / HCTZ	Tekturna® HCT Tablet*
Endothelin Receptor Antagonists		
	Ambrisentan	Letairis® Tablet*
	Bosentan	Tracleer® Tablet*
Inhaled Prostacyclin Analogs		
	Treprostinil	Tyvaso® Refill Kit / Solution / Starter Kit
	Iloprost	Ventavis® Solution
Niacin Derivatives		
	Niacin ER tablet	Niaspan® ER Tablet*
Nitrate Combination		
	Isosorbide dinitrate / hydralazine	Bidil® Tablet
Non-dihydropyridine Calcium Channel Blockers		
	Diltiazem	Cartia XT® Capsule (branded generic for Cardizem CD® )

	Diltiazem	Dilt XR® Capsule (branded generic for Dilacor XR® )
	Diltiazem	Taztia XT® Capsule (branded generic for Tiazac® )
	Diltiazem	Tiadylt® ER Capsule
Platelet Inhibitors		
	Dipyridamole / aspirin	Aggrenox® Capsule
	Ticagrelor	Brilinta® Tablet
Sympatholytics and Combinations		
	Clonidine patch	Catapres® TTS Patch*
<b>Central Nervous System</b>		
Antimigraine Agents		
	Erenumab-aooe	Aimovig™
	Galcanezumab-gnlm	Emgality®
Anti-narcolepsy		
	Armodafinil	Nuvigil® Tablet*
	Modafinil	Provigil® Tablet*
Multiple Sclerosis		
Injectable		
	Interferon beta-1a	Avonex® Pack / Pen / Syringe
	Interferon beta-1b	Betaseron® Kit / Vial
	Glatiramer syringe	Copaxone® Syringe*
	Interferon beta-1a	Rebif® Rebidose® / Titration Pack / Syringe
Oral		
	Fingolimod	Gilenya® Capsule
	Dimethyl fumarate DR capsule	Tecfidera® Capsule / Starter Pack*
Smoking Cessation		
	Varenicline	Chantix® Tablet / Starting Box / Continuation Month Box
<b>Endocrinology</b>		
Growth Hormone		
	Somatropin	Genotropin® Cartridge / MiniQuick®
	Somatropin	Norditropin® Flexpro®
	Somatropin	Serostim® Vial
Hypoglycemics – Injectable		
Rapid Acting Insulin		
	Insulin lispro	Humalog® U-100 Junior KwikPen®*
	Insulin lispro	Humalog® U-100 KwikPen® / Vial*
	Insulin aspart	Novolog® U-100 Cartridge / FlexPen® / Vial*
Short Acting Insulin		
	Insulin (human recombinant)	Humulin® R Vial
	Insulin (human recombinant)	Humulin® R U-500 KwikPen® / U500 Vial

Intermediate Acting Insulin		
	Insulin (human recombinant) and protamine sulfate	Humulin® N Vial
Long Acting Insulin		
	Insulin glargine	Lantus® SoloStar® / Vial
	Insulin detemir	Levemir® FlexTouch® / Vial
Premixed Rapid Combination Insulin		
	Insulin lispro protamine	Humalog® 50/50 Mix KwikPen® / Vial
	Insulin lispro protamine	Humalog® 75/25 Mix KwikPen® / Vial*
	Insulin aspart protamine-aspart	Novolog® Mix 70/30 FlexPen® / Vial
Premixed 70/30 Combination Insulin		
	Insulin isophane and insulin regular	Humulin® 70/30 KwikPen® / Vial
Amylin Analogs		
	Pramlintide acetate	Symlin® Pen Injector
GLP-1 Receptor Agonists and Combinations		
	Exenatide extended-release	Bydureon® Pen
	Exenatide	Byetta® Pen
	Dulaglutide	Trulicity® Pen
	Liraglutide	Victoza® Pen
Hypoglycemics – Oral		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Generation Sulfonylureas		
	Glimepiride	Amaryl® Tablet (glimepiride also preferred)
	Glipizide	Glucotrol® Tablet / XL Tablet (glipizide also preferred)
		Glynase® Tablet (glyburide also preferred)
Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors		
	Miglitol	Glyset® Tablet*
DPP-IV Inhibitors and Combinations		
	Empagliflozin / linagliptin	Glyxambi® Tablet
	Sitagliptin / metformin	Janumet® Tablet
	Sitagliptin / metformin	Janumet® XR Tablet
	Sitagliptin	Januvia® Tablet
	Linagliptin / metformin	Jentadueto® Tablet
	Saxagliptin	Onglyza® Tablet
	Linagliptin	Tradjenta® Tablet
Sodium-Glucose Co-Transporter 2 (SGLT2) Inhibitor and Combinations		
	Dapagliflozin	Farxiga® Tablet
	Empagliflozin	Jardiance® Tablet

<b>Gastrointestinal</b>		
<b>Antiemetic-Antivertigo Agents</b>		
	Doxylamine-pyridoxine tablet	Diclegis® Tablet*
	Aprepitant capsule/pack	Emend® Capsule*
	Scopolamine patch	Transderm-Scop® Patch*
<b>H. Pylori Combinations</b>		
	Bismuth subcitrate potassium, metronidazole, and tetracycline hydrochloride	Pylera® Capsule
<b>Pancreatic Enzymes</b>		
	Pancrelipase	Creon® Capsule
	Pancrelipase	Zenpep® Capsule
<b>Proton Pump Inhibitors</b>		
	Esomeprazole magnesium packet	Nexium® Rx Packet*
	Pantoprazole suspension	Protonix® Suspension*
<b>Selective Constipation Agents</b>		
	Lubiprostone	Amitiza® Capsule*
	Linaclotide	Linzess® Capsule
	Naloxegol	Movantik® Tablet
	Eluxadoline	Viberzi® Tablet Preferred when used for IBS-D (exemption), non-preferred for all other indications
<b>Ulcerative Colitis</b>		
	Oral	
	Mesalamine ER capsule	Apriso® Capsule*
	Mesalamine tablet	Lialda® Tablet*
	Rectal	
	Mesalamine suppository	Canasa® Suppository*
<b>Genitourinary/Renal</b>		
<b>Urinary Antispasmodics</b>		
	Fesoterodine	Toviaz® Tablet
<b>Gout</b>		
	Colchicine	Mitigare® Capsules* (branded colchicine 0.6mg)
<b>Hematologic</b>		
<b>Anticoagulants</b>		
	Injectable	
	Dalteparin	Fragmin® Syringe / Vial
	Oral	
	Apixaban	Eliquis® Tablet and Starter Dose Pack
	Warfarin	Jantoven® (branded generic for Coumadin® )
	Dabigatran	Pradaxa® Capsule

	Rivaroxiban	Xarelto® Starter Pack / Tablet
Colony Stimulating Factors		
	Pegfilgrastim-jmdb	Fulphila™ Syringe
	Tbo-filgrastim	Granix® Injection
	Sargramostim	Leukine® Injection
	Filgrastim	Neupogen® Vial / Syringe
	Pegfilgrastim-cbqv	Udenyca™ Syringe
	Filgrastim-sndz	Zarxio® Injection
Hematopoietic Agents		
	Darbepoetin alfa	Aranesp® Syringe / Vial
	Epoetin alfa	Procrit® Vial
Thrombopoiesis Stimulating Agents		
	Romiplostim	Nplate® Vial
	Eltrombopag	Promacta® Suspension / Tablet
<b>Ophthalmic</b>		
Allergic Conjunctivitis Agents		
	Olopatadine	Pazeo® Drops
Antibiotics		
	Bacitracin-polymyxin ointment	AK-Poly-Bac® Ointment (branded generic for Polysporin®)
	Azithromycin	Azasite® Drops
	Gentamicin	Gentak® Ointment (branded generic for Garamycin® )
	Bacitracin-polymyxin ointment	Polycin® Ointment (branded generic for Polysporin® )
Antibiotic-Steroid Combinations		
	Tobramycin-dexamethasone	Tobradex® Drops / Ointment*
Anti-inflammatory		
	Difluprednate	Durezol® Drops
	Fluorometholone	Flarex® Drops
	Nepafenac	Ilevro® Drops
	Loteprednol	Lotemax® Drops*
	Prednisolone acetate	Pred Mild® Drops
Anti-inflammatory/ Immunomodulator		
	Cyclosporine	Restasis® Drops / Restasis® Multidose™ Drops
Alpha-2 Adrenergic Agents		
	Brimonidine P drops	Alphagan® P Drops*
Beta-blocker Agents / Combinations		
	Brimonidine/timolol	Combigan® Drops
Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors / Combinations		
	Brinzolamide/brimonidine	Simbrinza® Drops

Prostaglandin Agonists		
	Travoprost drops	Travatan® Z Drops*
Rho Kinase Modifiers / Combinations		
	Netarsudil	Rhopressa® Drops
	Netarsudil/latanoprost	Rocklatan® Drops
<b>Otic</b>		
Antibiotics		
	Ciprofloxacin-dexamethasone suspension	Ciprodex® Suspension*
Anti-inflammatory		
	Fluocinolone 0.01% oil	Dermotic® Oil*
<b>Respiratory</b>		
Beta-adrenergic Handheld		
Long Acting		
	Salmeretol	Serevent® Diskus®
Short Acting		
	Albuterol	Proair® HFA Inhaler*
Orally inhaled Anticholinergics / COPD Agents		
	Umeclidinium / vilanterol	Anoro® Ellipta® Inhaler
	Ipratropium	Atrovent® HFA Inhaler
	Glycopyrrolate / formoterol	Bevespi® Aerosphere®
	Ipratropium bromide / albuterol	Combivent® Respimat® Inhalation Spray
	Tiotropium	Spiriva® Handihaler®
	Tiotropium	Spiriva® Respimat® Inhalation Spray
	Tiotropium bromide / olodaterol	Stiolto® Respimat® Inhalation Spray
Inhaled Corticosteroids		
	Fluticasone	Flovent® Diskus
	Fluticasone	Flovent® HFA Inhaler
	Budesonide suspension	Pulmicort® Respules 0.25mg, 0.5mg, 1mg*
Inhaled Corticosteroid Combinations		
	Fluticasone / salmeterol	Advair® Diskus®*
	Fluticasone / salmeterol	Advair® HFA Inhaler
	Mometasone / formoterol	Dulera® Inhaler
	Budesonide / formoterol	Symbicort® Inhaler*
Intranasal Rhinitis Agents		
	Azelastine	Astepro® Nasal Spray
<b>Topicals</b>		
Acne		
	Azelaic acid	Azelex® Cream
	Adapalene cream	Differin® Cream / Gel Pump / Lotion*



	Adapalene / benzoyl peroxide	Epiduo® Gel
	Adapalene / benzoyl peroxide	Epiduo® Forte
	Tretinoin	Retin-A® Cream / Gel*
	Tretinoin	Retin-A® Micro Gel / Micro Pump Gel*
Androgenic Agents		
	Testosterone	AndroGel® Pump*
Antibiotics		
	Vaginal	
	Clindamycin	Cleocin® Vaginal Ovules
	Clindamycin	Clindesse® Vaginal Cream
	Metronidazole	Nuessa® Vaginal Gel
	Metronidazole	Vandazole® Vaginal Gel
Antifungals		
	Nystatin	Nyamy® Powder (branded generic for Nystop® )
	Nystatin	Nystop® Powder
Antiparasitics		
	Spinosad	Natroba® Topical Suspension*
Antiviral		
	Acyclovir	Zovirax® Cream*
	Acyclovir	Zovirax® Ointment*
Immunomodulators		
	Atopic Dermatitis	
	Pimecrolimus	Elidel® Cream*
	Dupilumab	Eucrisa® 2% Ointment
	Tacrolimus	Protopic® Ointment*
	Psoriasis	
	Calcipotriene	Dovonex® Cream*
	Rosacea	
	Metronidazole	MetroCream®*
	Metronidazole	MetroGel®*
Steroids – Low Potency		
	Fluocinolone	DermaSmothe® FS Scalp and Body Oil*
Steroids – Very High Potency		
	Clobetasol	Clobex® Shampoo*
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Estrogen Agents Combinations		
	Estradiol / norethindrone acetate	Activella® Tablet
	Norethindrone acetate / ethinyl estradiol	Fyavolv™ Tablet
	Norethindrone acetate / ethinyl estradiol	Jevantique™ Lo Tablet

	Norethindrone acetate / ethinyl estradiol	Jinteli® (branded generic for FemHRT® )
	Estradiol / norethindrone acetate	Mimvey® / Lo (branded generic for Activella® )
	Conjugated estrogens / medroxyprogesterone acetate	Premphase® Tablet
	Conjugated estrogens / medroxyprogesterone acetate	Prempro® Tablet
Progestational Agents		
	17-hydroxyprogesterone caproate	Compounded 17 P
	Hydroxyprogesterone caproate	Makena® (hydroxyprogesterone caproate) Vial
	Hydroxyprogesterone caproate	Makena® (hydroxyprogesterone caproate injection) Auto Injector
Estrogen Agents		
	Oral	
	Esterified estrogens	Menest® Tablet
	Conjugated estrogens	Premarin® Tablet
	Transdermal	
	Estradiol/levonorgestrel	Climara® Pro Patch
	Estradiol/norethindrone acetate	CombiPatch®
	Estradiol	Evamist® Spray
	Vaginal	
	Estradiol vaginal ring	Estring® Vaginal Ring
	Conjugated estrogens	Premarin® Vaginal Cream
	Estradiol vaginal inserts	Vagifem® Vaginal Tablet*
Immunomodulators, Systemic		
	Secukinumab	Cosentyx® Pen / Syringe
	Etanercept	Enbrel® Kit / Mini Cartridge / Sureclick® Syringe / Syringe
	Adalimumab	Humira® Crohn's Starter Pack / Ped. Crohn's Starter Pack / Pen / Psoriasis Starter Pack / Syringe
Immunosuppressants		
	<i>(Note: all generic and brand name drugs are considered "preferred" in this class)</i>	
	Tacrolimus extended-release	Astagraf® XL Capsule
	Azathioprine	Azasan® Tablet
	Mycophenolate	Cellcept® Capsule / Suspension / Tablet
	Tacrolimus extended-release	Envarsus® XR Tablet
	Cyclosporine modified	Gengraf® Capsule / Solution
	Azathioprine	Imuran® Tablet

	Mycophenolic acid	Myfortic® Tablet
	Cyclosporine modified	Neoral® Capsule / Solution
	Tacrolimus	Prograf® Capsule / Granule Packet
	Sirolimus	Rapamune® Solution / Tablet
	Cyclosporine	Sandimmune® Capsule / Solution
	Everolimus	Zortress® Tablet
Movement Disorders		
	Deutetrabenazine	Austedo™
	Valbenazine	Ingrezza®
Opioid Antagonist		
	Naloxone	Narcan® Nasal Spray
	Naltrexone	Vivitrol® Injection
	Buprenorphine-naloxone	Suboxone® SL Film*
	Buprenorphine ER injection	Sublocade™
<b>Disposable Insulin Delivery Devices</b>		
		Omnipod DASH®
<b>Diabetic Continuous Glucose Monitor Supplies</b>		
Continuous Glucose Monitor Transmitters / Receivers / Readers		
		Dexcom G5® Transmitter / Receiver
		Dexcom G6® Transmitter / Receiver
		Freestyle Libre™ 2 Reader
Continuous Glucose Monitor Sensors		
		Dexcom G4® / G5® Platinum Sensor 4 Pack
		Dexcom G6® Sensor 3 Pack
		Freestyle Libre™ 2 Sensor
<b>Diabetic Supplies</b>		
<p>Roche Diagnostics Corporation is N.C. Medicaid's designated preferred manufacturer for glucose meters, diabetic test strips, control solutions, lancets, and lancing devices for Medicaid-primary recipients and Health Choice-primary recipients (dually eligible and third-party recipients are not affected). These products are covered under the Outpatient Pharmacy Program and can be submitted under the pharmacy point-of-sale system with a prescription. Diabetic supplies can also be submitted under Durable Medical Equipment using the NDC and HCPCS code. For questions or assistance regarding diabetic supplies, please call the NC Tracks call center at 1-800-688-6696. *All blood glucose meters are billed using the NC Medicaid Free BIN Meter program. BIN 610524, PCN 1016, Group 40026479, ID 066499643.*</p>		
Meters		
		ACCU-CHEK® Guide Retail care kit * (see above)
		ACCU-CHEK® Guide Me Retail care kit * (see above)
Test Strips		
		ACCU-CHEK® AVIVA 50 ct test strips
		ACCU-CHEK® AVIVA PLUS 50 ct test strips
		ACCU-CHEK® SMARTVIEW 50 ct test strips

		ACCU-CHEK® COMPACT Plus 51 ct test strips
		ACCU-CHEK® Guide 50 ct test strips
		ACCU-CHEK® Guide 100 ct test strips
<b>Lancets</b>		
		ACCU-CHEK® Multiclix 102 ct Lancets
		ACCU-CHEK® Softclicx 100 ct Lancets
		ACCU-CHEK® Fastclicx 102 ct Lancets
<b>Lancing Devices</b>		
		ACCU-CHEK® Softclicx lancing device kit (Blue)
		ACCU-CHEK® Softclicx lancing device kit (Black)
		ACCU-CHEK® Multiclix lancing device kit
		ACCU-CHEK® Fastclicx lancing device kit
<b>Control Solutions</b>		
		ACCU-CHEK® Aviva glucose control solution (2 levels)
		ACCU-CHEK® Compact blue glucose control solution (2 levels)
		ACCU-CHEK® Compact Plus clear glucose control solution (2 levels)
		ACCU-CHEK® SmartView glucose control solution (1 level)
		ACCU-CHEK® Guide 2-Level control solution (2-levels)