

Medicare Part B Step Therapy

The drugs on this list require step therapy.

Step therapy means you must try one drug before we will cover another drug. Before we cover certain drugs, you must first try a different or less expensive drug. If the first drug does not work, then we will cover the second drug.

You can ask for an exception if you think you need a step therapy drug. Your prescriber or your authorized representative may also ask for an exception. For information on how to ask, please see your Evidence of Coverage.

Step therapy applies if the drug has not been used in the past 365 days.

Drug Name
Abatacept (Orencia®)
Ado-trastuzumab emtansine (Kadcyla®)
Afamitresgene autoleucel (Tecelra®)
Aflibercept (Eylea®, Eylea® HD, Ahzantive™, Enzeevu™, Opuviz™, Pavblu™, Yesafili™)
Atezolizumab (Tecentriq®), atezolizumab/hyaluronidase-tqjs (Tecentriq Hybreza™)
Axicabtagene ciloleucel (Yescarta®)
Bevacizumab (Avastin®, Alymsys®, Mvasi®, Vegzelma™, Zirabev™)
Brentuximab vedotin (Adcetris®)
Brexucabtagene autoleucel (Tecartus™)
Brolucizumab-dblb (Beovu®)
Cemiplimab-rwlc (Libtayo®)
Certolizumab (Cimzia®)
Ciltacabtagene autoleucel (Carvykti™)
Corticosteroid intravitreal implants: dexamethasone (Ozurdex®), fluocinolone acetonide (Iluvien®)
Corticotropin (H.P. Acthar®, Purified Cortrophin™ Gel)
Daratumumab (Darzalex®), daratumumab/hyaluronidase-fihj (Darzalex Faspro™)
Darbepoetin alfa (Aranesp®)
Denosumab (Prolia®, Xgeva®)
Efbemalenograftim alfa-vuxw (Ryzneuta®)
Eflapegrastim-xnst (Rolvedon™)
Elranatamab-bcmm (Elrexio™)
Elotuzumab (Empliciti®)
Emapalumab-lzsg (Gamifant™)
Epoetin alfa (Epogen®, Procrit®)
Faricimab-svoa (Vabysmo®)
Ferric carboxymaltose (Injectafer®)
Ferric derisomaltose (Monoferric®)

Drug Name
Ferumoxytol (Feraheme [®])
Fidanacogene elaparovect-dzkt (Beqvez [™])
Filgrastim (Neupogen [®] , Zarxio [®] , Nivestym [™] , Granix [®] , Releuko [®] , Nypozi [™])
Golimumab (Simponi [®] , Simponi Aria [®])
Hyaluronate derivatives: sodium hyaluronate (Euflexxa [®] , Gelsyn-3 [™] , GenVisc [®] 850, Hyalgan [®] , Supartz FX [™] , Synjoyn [™] , Triluron [™] , TriVisc [™] , VISCO-3 [™]), hyaluronic acid (Durolane [®]), cross-linked hyaluronate (Gel-One [®]), hyaluronan (Hymovis [®] , Orthovisc [®] , Monovisc [®]), hylan polymers A and B (Synvisc [®] , Synvisc One [®])
Idecabtagene vicleucel (Abecma [™])
Imetelstat (Rytelo [™])
Immune globulins (Alyglo [™] , Asceniv [™] , Bivigam [®] , Cutaquig [®] , Cuvitru [™] , Flebogamma [®] DIF, GamaSTAN [®] , GamaSTAN [®] S/D, Gammagard [®] liquid, Gammagard [®] S/D, Gammaked [™] , Gammaplex [®] , Gamunex [®] -C, Hizentra [®] , HyQvia [®] , Octagam [®] , Panzyga [®] , Privigen [®] , Xembify [®])
IncobotulinumtoxinA (Xeomin [®])
Infliximab-ayyb (Zymfentra [®])
Lanreotide (Somatuline [®] Depot)
Lisocabtagene maraleucel (Breyanzi [®])
Lurbinectedin (Zepzelca [™])
Luspatercept-aamt (Reblozyl [®])
Lutetium Lu 177 dotatate (Lutathera [®])
Mirikizumab-mrkz (Omvoh [™])
Motixafortide (Aphexda [®])
Nadofaragene firadenovec-vncg (Adstiladrin [®])
Natalizumab (Tysabri [®] , Tyruko [®])
Nivolumab (Opdivo [®]), nivolumab/hyaluronidase-nvhy (Opdivo Qvantig [™])
Obecabtagene autoleucel (Aucatzyl [®])
Pasireotide (Signifor [®] LAR)
Pegfilgrastim (Neulasta [®] , Fulphila [™] , Fylnetra [®] , Nyvepria [™] , Stimufend [®] , Udenyca [™] , Ziextenzo [™])
Pembrolizumab (Keytruda [®])
Polatuzumab vedotin-piiq (Polivy [™])
Ramucirumab (Cyramza [®])
Ranibizumab (Lucentis [®] , Byooviz [®] , Cimerli [™] , Susvimo [™])
Remestemcel-L-rknd (Ryoncil [®])
RimabotulinumtoxinB (Myobloc [®])
Rituximab (Rituxan [®] , Riabni [™] , Ruxience [™] , Truxima [®]), rituximab/hyaluronidase (Rituxan Hycela [™])
Romiplostim (Nplate [®])
Romosozumab-aqqg (Evenity [™])
Sargramostim (Leukine [®])
Sipuleucel-T (Provenge [®])
Talquetamab-tgvs (Talvey [™])
Teclistamab-cqyv (Tecvayli [®])
Teprotumumab-trbw (Tepezza [™])

Drug Name
Tisagenlecleucel (Kymriah [®])
Tocilizumab (Actemra [®] , Avtozma [®] , Tofidence [™] , Tyenne [®])
Trastuzumab (Herceptin [®] , Ontruzant [®] , Herzuma [®] , Ogivri [™] , Trazimera [™] , Kanjinti [™] , Hercessi [™]), trastuzumab/hyaluronidase (Herceptin Hylecta [™])
Triamcinolone ER injection (Zilretta [®])
Vedolizumab (Entyvio [®])
Verteporfin (Visudyne [®])

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