

Colorado Medicaid PDL Announcement of Preferred Products-Effective April 1, 2026

The following drug classes and preferred agents represent the final updates to the Health First Colorado Preferred Drug List (PDL), **effective April 1, 2026**. These updates were approved following the January 2026 Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee meeting. Products highlighted in **green** indicate changes resulting from this review.

1- Anticonvulsants – Oral

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbamazepine IR, ER tab, chew, ER cap, susp. • CARBATROL ER (carbamazepine) cap • Clobazam oral syringe, tab, susp • Clonazepam tab, ODT • DEPAKOTE (divalproex DR) sprinkle cap • DILANTIN (phenytoin) 30 mg cap, Infatab, susp. • Divalproex sprinkle cap, DR tab, ER tab • Ethosuximide cap, sol. • Felbamate suspension • FELBATOL (felbamate) susp. • FELBATOL (felbamate) tab. • Lacosamide sol, tab. • Lamotrigine IR, ER tab, chew/disp. tab, ODT • Levetiracetam IR tablet, ER tablet, solution | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxcarbazepine tablet • Phenobarbital elixir, solution, tablet • PHENYTEK (phenytoin ER) capsule • Phenytoin suspension, chewable, ER capsule • Primidone tablet • TEGRETOL (carbamazepine) suspension, tablet • TEGRETOL XR (carbamazepine ER) tablet • Topiramate tablet, sprinkle capsule • TRILEPTAL (oxcarbazepine)^{BNR} suspension • Valproic acid capsule, solution • Zonisamide capsule |
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2- Anti-Parkinson's Agents

- Carbidopa/Levodopa IR, ER tablet
- Carbidopa/Levodopa/Entacapone tablet
- Rasagiline tablet
- Selegiline capsule, tablet
- Pramipexole IR tablet
- Ropinirole IR tablet
- Amantadine capsule, solution/syrup
- Benztropine tablet Trihexyphenidyl tablet, elixir

3- Anxiolytics – Non-Benzodiazepines

- Buspirone tablet

4- Atypical Antipsychotics – Oral & Topical

- Aripiprazole tablet
- Asenapine SL tablet
- Clozapine tablet
- Lurasidone tablet
- Olanzapine tablet, ODT
- Paliperidone ER tablet
- Quetiapine IR tablet
- Quetiapine ER tablet
- REXULTI (brexpiprazole) dose pack, tablet
- Risperidone ODT, oral solution, tablet
- VRAYLAR (cariprazine) 1.5mg, 3mg, 4.5mg, 6mg capsule
- Ziprasidone capsule

5- Benzodiazepines (Non-Sedative Hypnotic)

- Alprazolam IR, ER tablet
- Chlordiazepoxide capsule
- Clonazepam tablet, ODT
- Clorazepate tablet
- Diazepam tablet, solution
- Lorazepam tablet, oral concentrate
- Oxazepam capsule

6- Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide Inhibitors (CGRPIs)

- AJOVY (fremanezumab-vfrm) auto-injector, syringe
- EMGALITY (galcanezumab-gnlm) pen, 120 mg syringe
- NURTEC (rimegepant) ODT
- UBRELVY (ubrogepant) tablet
- QULIPTA (atogepant) tablet

7- Fentanyl Preparations (Buccal, Transmucosal, Sublingual)

- All agents are non-preferred.

8- Lithium Agents

- Lithium carbonate capsule, tablet
- Lithium Citrate Solution
- Lithium ER tablet

9- Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors (MAOIs)

- All agents are non-preferred.

10- Multiple Sclerosis Agents

- AVONEX (interferon beta 1a) pen, syringe
- BETASERON (interferon beta 1b) injection
- COPAXONE (glatiramer) 20mg injection BNR
- Dimethyl fumarate tablet, starter pack
- Fingolimod capsule
- Glatiramer 40mg injection

- KESIMPTA (ofatumumab) pen
- Teriflunomide tablet
- Dalfampridine ER table

11- Neurocognitive Disorder Agents

- Donepezil 5mg, 10mg tablet
- Donepezil ODT
- Galantamine IR tablet
- Memantine IR tablet, dose pack
- Memantine ER capsule
- Rivastigmine capsule, patch

12- Newer Generation Antidepressants

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| • Bupropion IR, SR, XL tablet | • Mirtazapine tablet, ODT |
| • Citalopram solution, tablet | • Paroxetine IR tablet |
| • Desvenlafaxine succinate ER (generic Pristiq) tablet | • Sertraline solution, tablet |
| • Duloxetine (generic Cymbalta) capsule | • Trazodone tablet |
| • Escitalopram tablet | • Venlafaxine IR tablet |
| • Fluoxetine capsule, solution, 60 mg tablet | • Venlafaxine ER capsules |
| • Fluvoxamine tablet | • Vilazodone tablet |

13- Non-Opioid Analgesia Agents – Oral & Topical

- Duloxetine 20 mg, 30 mg, 60 mg capsule
- Gabapentin capsule, tablet, solution (*Mylan only*)
- Pregabalin capsule
- SAVELLA (milnacipran) tablet, titration pack
- Lidocaine patch
- LIDODERM (lidocaine) patch

14- Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatories (NSAIDs) – Oral & Non-Oral

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| • Celecoxib capsule | • Nabumetone tablet |
| • Diclofenac potassium 50 mg tablet | • Naproxen DR/ER, tablet (RX) |
| • Diclofenac sodium EC/DR tablet | • Naproxen suspension |
| • Ibuprofen suspension, tablet (RX) | • Sulindac tablet |
| • Indomethacin capsule, ER capsule | • Diclofenac 1.5% topical solution |
| • Ketorolac tablet | • Diclofenac sodium 1% gel (OTC/Rx) |
| • Meloxicam tablet | |

15- Ophthalmics

I. Ophthalmics, Allergy

- ALREX^{BNR} (loteprednol) 0.2%
- Azelastine 0.05%
- Cromolyn 4%

- Ketotifen 0.025% (OTC)
- LASTACAFT (alcaftadine) 0.25% (OTC)
- Olopatadine 0.1%, 0.2% (OTC) (generic Pataday Once/ Twice Daily)

II. Ophthalmics, Immunomodulators

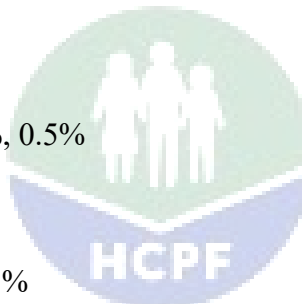
- RESTASIS^{BNR} (cyclosporine 0.05%) vials

III. Ophthalmics, Anti-Inflammatories (NSAIDs, Corticosteroids)

- Diclofenac 0.1%
- Flurbiprofen 0.03%
- Ketorolac 0.5%, Ketorolac LS 0.4%
- NEVANAC (nepafenac) 0.1%
- FLAREX (fluorometholone) 0.1%
- Fluorometholone 0.1% drops
- FML FORTE (fluorometholone) 0.25% drops
- LOTEMAX (loteprednol) 0.5% drops, gel
- LOTEMAX (loteprednol) 0.5% ointment
- Loteprednol 0.5% drops, 0.5% gel
- MAXIDEX (dexamethasone) 0.1%
- PRED MILD (prednisolone) 0.12%
- Prednisolone acetate 1%

IV. Ophthalmics, Glaucoma

- Carteolol 1%
- Levobunolol 0.5%
- Timolol (generic Timoptic) 0.25%, 0.5%
- Brinzolamide 1%
- Dorzolamide 2%
- Latanoprost 0.005%
- LUMIGAN^{BNR} (bimatoprost) 0.01%
- TRAVATAN Z^{BNR} (travoprost) 0.004%
- ALPHAGAN P^{BNR} 0.1%, 0.15% (brimonidine)
- Brimonidine 0.2%
- COMBIGAN^{BNR} 0.2%-0.5% (brimonidine/timolol)
- Dorzolamide/Timolol 2%-0.5%
- RHOPRESSA (netarsudil) 0.02%
- ROCKLATAN (netarsudil/latanoprost) 0.02%-0.005%



16- Opioids – Short-Acting & Long-Acting

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| • Acetaminophen/codeine tablets | • BELBUCA (buprenorphine) buccal film |
| • Hydrocodone/acetaminophen solution, tablet | • BUTRANS ^{BNR} (buprenorphine) transdermal patch |
| • Hydromorphone tablet | • Fentanyl 12mcg, 25mcg, 50mcg, 75mcg, 100mcg transdermal patch |
| • Morphine IR solution, tablet | • Morphine ER (generic MS Contin) tablet |
| • Oxycodone solution, tablet | • Tramadol ER (generic Ultram ER) tablet |
| • Oxycodone/acetaminophen tablet | |
| • Tramadol 25mg, 50mg | |
| • Tramadol/acetaminophen tablet | |

17- Sedative Hypnotics (Benzo & Non-Benzo)

- Eszopiclone tablet
- Ramelteon tablet
- Zaleplon capsule
- Zolpidem IR, ER tablet
- Temazepam 15mg, 30mg capsule
- Triazolam tablet

18- Skeletal Muscle Relaxants

- Baclofen tablet
- Cyclobenzaprine tablet
- Methocarbamol tablet
- Tizanidine tablet

19- Stimulants and Related Agents

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amphetamine salts, mixed ER (generic Adderall XR) capsule • Amphetamine salts, mixed (generic Adderall IR) tablet • Armodafinil tablet • Atomoxetine capsule • Clonidine ER tablet • DAYTRANA^{BNR} (methylphenidate) patch • Dexmethylphenidate IR tablet • Dexmethylphenidate ER capsule | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOCALIN (dexmethylphenidate) XR capsule • Guanfacine ER tablet • Methylphenidate (generic Methylin/Ritalin) solution, tablet • Methylphenidate ER tablet (generic Concerta) • Modafinil tablet • VYVANSE^{BNR} (lisdexamfetamine) capsule, chewable tablet |
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20- Tricyclic Antidepressants (TCAs)

- Amitriptyline tablet
- Clomipramine capsule
- Desipramine tablet
- Doxepin capsule, oral concentrate
- Imipramine HCl tablet
- Nortriptyline capsule

21- Triptans, Ditans and Other Migraine Treatments – Oral & Non-Oral

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eletriptan tablet (generic Relpax) • Naratriptan tablet (generic Amerge) • Rizatriptan tablet, ODT (generic Maxalt) • Sumatriptan tablet (generic Imitrex) • Zolmitriptan tablet (generic Zomig) • Dihydroergotamine nasal spray | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMITREX (sumatriptan) nasal spray • Sumatriptan cartridge, pen injector • MIGRANAL^{BNR} (dihydroergotamine) nasal spray • Sumatriptan nasal spray, vial |
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