

From: Robert Lodge <Robert.Lodge@state.co.us> **Date:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 12:21 PM **To:** Robert Lodge <Robert.Lodge@state.co.us> **Subject:** Preferred Product Updates July 1 2017

Good morning all,

The following drug classes and preferred agents will become effective July 1, 2017, for Colorado Medicaid:

Newer generation antihistamines and combinations

Preferred products will be cetirizine (generic OTC Zyrtec) (tab, syrup), loratadine (generic OTC Claritin) (tab, syrup)

Angiotensin Receptor Blockers and combinations

Preferred products will be Benicar, irbesartan, losartan, valsartan, Benicar-HCT, losartan/HCTZ, valsartan/HCTZ

Renin Inhibitors and Combinations

No preferred products

Fibromyalgia agents

Preferred products will be: Lyrica, duloxetine (20mg, 30mg and 60mg)

Inhaled Anticholinergics and combinations

Preferred products will be albuterol/ipratropium, ipratropium, Atrovent HFA, Combivent Respimat, Spiriva Handihaler

Short-acting Inhaled Beta 2 agonists

Preferred products will be albuterol solution, Proair HFA inhaler

Long-acting Inhaled Beta 2 agonists

Preferred product will be Serevent but will still require a PA

Inhaled corticosteroids and combinations

Preferred products will be Pulmicort nebulas (0.25mg and 0.5mg and 1mg), Asmanex Twisthaler, Flovent HFA and Diskus, QVAR, Advair Diskus, Dulera

Long Acting Opioids

Preferred products will be methadone, fentanyl patches (12mcg, 25mcg, 50mcg, 75mcg and 100mcg), morphine sulfate ER tabs, tramadol ER (generic ultram)
· Butrans patch and Nucynta ER with single step edit

Skeletal muscle relaxants

Preferred products will be baclofen, cyclobenzaprine 5mg and 10mg tabs, tizanidine 2mg and 4mg tabs

Testosterone

Preferred products will be Androgel 1.62%, Androderm, testosterone cypionate IM injection (generic Depo-testosterone)

Topical Immunomodulators

Preferred product will be Elidel

The DUR Board meeting will be next week, on Tuesday, May 16th. It will begin at 6PM. Anyone that wants to speak at the DUR board meeting must let me know at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Thank you,

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