

2026 Step Therapy Requirements

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arb step

Products Affected

- EDARBI 40 MG TABLET
- EDARBI 80 MG TABLET
- EDARBYCLOR 40 MG-12.5 MG TABLET
- EDARBYCLOR 40 MG-25 MG TABLET

Details

Criteria	Coverage of certain branded Angiotensin-Receptor Blockers (ARB) and ARB combos requires a trial of two generic ARB or ARB combinations. If the required drugs appear in the prescription profile in the last 365 days, then additional documentation is not required.
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bempedoic acid step

Products Affected

- NEXLETOL 180 MG TABLET
- NEXLIZET 180 MG-10 MG TABLET

Details

Criteria	Coverage of Nexletol or Nexlizet requires either (1) a trial of ONE of the following generic statins: atorvastatin, fluvastatin, lovastatin, pitavastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin, or simvastatin, or (2) documentation patient cannot tolerate statins. For (1) above, if the required drug appears in the prescription profile in the last 365 days, then additional documentation is not required.
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penicillamine step

Products Affected

- *penicillamine 250 mg capsule*
- *trientine 250 mg capsule*
- *trientine 500 mg capsule*

Details

Criteria	Coverage of penicillamine capsules or trientine capsules requires a trial of penicillamine tablets (generic for Depen). If the required drug appears in the prescription profile in the last 365 days, then additional documentation is not required.
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sglt2 step

Products Affected

- JARDIANCE 10 MG TABLET
- JARDIANCE 25 MG TABLET
- SYNJARDY 12.5 MG-1,000 MG TABLET
- SYNJARDY 12.5 MG-500 MG TABLET
- SYNJARDY 5 MG-1,000 MG TABLET
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- SYNJARDY XR 10 MG-1,000 MG TABLET, EXTENDED RELEASE
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- SYNJARDY XR 25 MG-1,000 MG TABLET, EXTENDED RELEASE
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Details

Criteria	Under CMS Review
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