

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina 5 Tier Essential Formulary Updates



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TRADE NAME (generic name) or generic name	Brand/ Generic Product	Effective Date	Description of Change
A1C TEST KIT AT-HOME (hemoglobin a1c (hba1c) test kit)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
A1C NOW SELF CHECK (hemoglobin a1c (hba1c) test kit)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
ATROVENT HFA (ipratropium bromide hfa inhal aerosol 17 mcg/act)	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
AURYXIA (ferric citrate tab 1 gm (210 mg ferric iron))	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
brivaracetam oral soln 10 mg/ml	Generic	3/1/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for BRIVIACT
brivaracetam tab 10 mg	Generic	3/1/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for BRIVIACT
brivaracetam tab 100 mg	Generic	3/1/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for BRIVIACT
brivaracetam tab 25 mg	Generic	3/1/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for BRIVIACT
brivaracetam tab 50 mg	Generic	3/1/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for BRIVIACT
brivaracetam tab 75 mg	Generic	3/1/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for BRIVIACT
BRIVIACT (brivaracetam oral soln 10 mg/ml)	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
BRIVIACT (brivaracetam tab 10 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
BRIVIACT (brivaracetam tab 100 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
BRIVIACT (brivaracetam tab 25 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
BRIVIACT (brivaracetam tab 50 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
BRIVIACT (brivaracetam tab 75 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
CEFIXIME (cefixime for susp 100 mg/5ml)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
CLINPRO 5000 (sodium fluoride paste 1.1%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
CVS AT HOME A1C TEST KIT (hemoglobin a1c (hba1c) test kit)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
dapagliflozin free base-metformin hcl tab er 24hr 10-1000 mg	Generic	5/3/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for XIGDUO XR
dapagliflozin free base-metformin hcl tab er 24hr 10-500 mg	Generic	5/3/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for XIGDUO XR
dapagliflozin free base-metformin hcl tab er 24hr 5-1000 mg	Generic	5/3/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for XIGDUO XR
dapagliflozin free base-metformin hcl tab er 24hr 5-500 mg	Generic	5/3/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for XIGDUO XR
dapagliflozin tab 10 mg	Generic	4/12/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for FARXIGA
dapagliflozin tab 5 mg	Generic	4/12/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for FARXIGA
DENTA 5000 PLUS (sodium fluoride cream 1.1%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
DENTAGEL (sodium fluoride gel 1.1% (0.5% f))	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
DIABETES TEST (hemoglobin a1c (hba1c) test kit)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
DISKETTS (methadone hcl tab for oral susp 40 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
EASYGEL (stannous fluoride gel 0.4%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
EDURANT (rilpivirine hcl tab 25 mg (base equivalent))	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
ferric citrate tab 1 gm (210 mg ferric iron)	Generic	3/12/26	Moved to Tier 2 - generic for AURYXIA
FLUORIDE (sodium fluoride chew tab 0.25 mg f (from 0.55 mg naf))	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
FLUORIDE (sodium fluoride chew tab 0.5 mg f (from 1.1 mg naf))	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4

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FLUORIDE (sodium fluoride chew tab 1 mg f (from 2.2 mg naf))	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
FLUORIDEX DAILY DEFENSE (sodium fluoride paste 1.1%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
FLUORIDEX DAILY RENEWAL (stannous fluoride conc 0.63%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
FLUORIDEX ENHANCED WHITENING (sodium fluoride paste 1.1%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
FLUORIMAX 5000 (sodium fluoride paste 1.1%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
fluticasone propionate hfa inhal aero 44 mcg/act	Generic	3/30/26	Moved to Tier 2
HYPERSAL (sodium chloride soln nebu 7%)	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 4
INLURIYO (imlunestran tosylate tab 200 mg)	Brand	6/1/26	Addition, Tier 5
ipratropium bromide hfa inhal aerosol 17 mcg/act	Generic	3/15/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for ATROVENT HFA
isosorbide mononitrate tab 10 mg	Generic	3/30/26	Moved to Tier 2
isosorbide mononitrate tab 20 mg	Generic	3/30/26	Moved to Tier 2
JASCAYD (nerandomilast tab 18 mg)	Brand	6/1/26	Addition, Tier 5
JASCAYD (nerandomilast tab 9 mg)	Brand	6/1/26	Addition, Tier 5
JUST RIGHT 5000 (sodium fluoride paste 1.1%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
JUXTAPID (lomitapide mesylate cap 2 mg (base equiv))	Brand	4/12/26	Addition, Tier 5
KOMZIFTI (ziftomenib cap 200 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 5
K-PHOS (potassium phosphate monobasic tab 500 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 4
K-PHOS NEUTRAL (pot phos monobasic w/sod phos di & monobas tab 155-852-130mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 4
LASIX ONYU (furosemide subcutaneous cartridge kit 80 mg/2.67ml)	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 5
MAVENCLAD (cladribine tab therapy pack 10 mg (10 tabs))	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
MAVENCLAD (cladribine tab therapy pack 10 mg (4 tabs))	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
MAVENCLAD (cladribine tab therapy pack 10 mg (5 tabs))	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
MAVENCLAD (cladribine tab therapy pack 10 mg (6 tabs))	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
MAVENCLAD (cladribine tab therapy pack 10 mg (7 tabs))	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
MAVENCLAD (cladribine tab therapy pack 10 mg (8 tabs))	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
MAVENCLAD (cladribine tab therapy pack 10 mg (9 tabs))	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
MESALAMINE DR (mesalamine cap dr 400 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
METHYLPHENIDATE HYDROCHLORIDE ER (DIF) (methylphenidate hcl tab er diffusion 27 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
METHYLPHENIDATE HYDROCHLORIDE ER (DIF) (methylphenidate hcl tab er diffusion 36 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
METHYLPHENIDATE HYDROCHLORIDE ER (DIF) (methylphenidate hcl tab er diffusion 54 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
NEBUSAL (sodium chloride soln nebu 3%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
nintedanib esylate cap 100 mg (base equivalent)	Generic	4/5/26	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for OFEV
nintedanib esylate cap 150 mg (base equivalent)	Generic	4/5/26	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for OFEV

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nitroglycerin oint 2%	Generic	4/15/26	Moved to Tier 2
OZEMPIC (semaglutide tab 1.5 mg)	Brand	4/19/26	Addition, Tier 3
OZEMPIC (semaglutide tab 4 mg)	Brand	4/19/26	Addition, Tier 3
OZEMPIC (semaglutide tab 9 mg)	Brand	4/19/26	Addition, Tier 3
PHENOBARBITAL (phenobarbital elixir 20 mg/5ml)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
PHENOBARBITAL (phenobarbital tab 100 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
PHENOBARBITAL (phenobarbital tab 15 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
PHENOBARBITAL (phenobarbital tab 16.2 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
PHENOBARBITAL (phenobarbital tab 30 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
PHENOBARBITAL (phenobarbital tab 32.4 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
PHENOBARBITAL (phenobarbital tab 60 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
PHENOBARBITAL (phenobarbital tab 64.8 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
PHENOBARBITAL (phenobarbital tab 97.2 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
PHOSPHA 250 NEUTRAL (pot phos monobasic w/sod phos di & monobas tab 155-852-130mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
PHOSPHOROUS (pot phos monobasic w/sod phos di & monobas tab 155-852-130mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
PHOSPHO-TRIN 250 NEUTRAL (pot phos monobasic w/sod phos di & monobas tab 155-852-130mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
PHOSPHO-TRIN K500 (potassium phosphate monobasic tab 500 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
pimozide tab 1 mg	Generic	4/23/26	Moved to Tier 2
pimozide tab 2 mg	Generic	4/23/26	Moved to Tier 2
POMALYST (pomalidomide cap 1 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
POMALYST (pomalidomide cap 2 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
POMALYST (pomalidomide cap 3 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
POMALYST (pomalidomide cap 4 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
PREVIDENT 5000 BOOSTER PLUS (sodium fluoride paste 1.1%)	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 4
PREVIDENT 5000 DRY MOUTH (sodium fluoride gel 1.1% (0.5% f))	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 4
PREVIDENT 5000 KIDS (sodium fluoride paste 1.1%)	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 4
PREVIDENT 5000 ORTHO DEFENSE (sodium fluoride paste 1.1%)	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 4
PREVIDENT 5000 PLUS (sodium fluoride cream 1.1%)	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 4
PREVIDENT FLUORIDE (sodium fluoride gel 1.1% (0.5% f))	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 4
PREVIDENT RINSE (sodium fluoride rinse 0.2%)	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 4
PULMOSAL (sodium chloride soln nebu 7%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
SF (sodium fluoride gel 1.1% (0.5% f))	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
SF 5000 PLUS (sodium fluoride cream 1.1%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
sitagliptin phosphate tab 100 mg (base equiv)	Generic	5/31/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for JANUVIA
sitagliptin phosphate tab 25 mg (base equiv)	Generic	5/31/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for JANUVIA
sitagliptin phosphate tab 50 mg (base equiv)	Generic	5/31/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for JANUVIA

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sitagliptin phosphate-metformin hcl tab 50-1000 mg	Generic	5/31/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for JANUMET
sitagliptin phosphate-metformin hcl tab 50-500 mg	Generic	5/31/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for JANUMET
SODIUM CHLORIDE (sodium chloride soln nebu 10%)	Brand	4/3/26	Addition, Tier 4
SODIUM CHLORIDE (sodium chloride soln nebu 3%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
SODIUM CHLORIDE (sodium chloride soln nebu 7%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
SODIUM CITRATE AND CITRIC ACID (sodium citrate & citric acid soln 500-334 mg/5ml)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
SODIUM CITRATE/CITRIC ACID (sodium citrate & citric acid soln 500-334 mg/5ml)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
SODIUM FLUORIDE (sodium fluoride chew tab 0.25 mg f (from 0.55 mg naf))	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
SODIUM FLUORIDE (sodium fluoride chew tab 0.5 mg f (from 1.1 mg naf))	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
SODIUM FLUORIDE (sodium fluoride chew tab 1 mg f (from 2.2 mg naf))	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
SODIUM FLUORIDE (sodium fluoride cream 1.1%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
SODIUM FLUORIDE (sodium fluoride gel 1.1% (0.5% f))	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
SODIUM FLUORIDE (sodium fluoride rinse 0.2%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
SODIUM FLUORIDE 5000 PLUS (sodium fluoride cream 1.1%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
SODIUM FLUORIDE 5000 PPM (sodium fluoride paste 1.1%)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
SODIUM FLUORIDE 5000 PPM DRY MOUTH (sodium fluoride gel 1.1% (0.5% f))	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
STEQEYMA (ustekinumab-stba subcutaneous soln 45 mg/0.5ml)	Brand	4/10/26	Addition, Tier 5
tacrolimus cap er 24hr 0.5 mg	Generic	5/10/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for ASTAGRAF XL
tacrolimus cap er 24hr 1 mg	Generic	5/10/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for ASTAGRAF XL
tacrolimus cap er 24hr 5 mg	Generic	5/10/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for ASTAGRAF XL
TIAGABINE HYDROCHLORIDE (tiagabine hcl tab 12 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
TIAGABINE HYDROCHLORIDE (tiagabine hcl tab 16 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
WEGOVY HD (semaglutide (weight mngmt) soln auto-injector 7.2 mg/0.75ml)	Brand	4/10/26	Addition, Tier 3