

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
AMERITHROID (thyroid tab 120 mg (2 grain))	Brand	7/12/26	Addition, Tier 3
AMERITHROID (thyroid tab 15 mg (1/4 grain))	Brand	7/12/26	Addition, Tier 3
AMERITHROID (thyroid tab 180 mg (3 grain))	Brand	7/12/26	Addition, Tier 3
AMERITHROID (thyroid tab 240 mg (4 grain))	Brand	7/12/26	Addition, Tier 3
AMERITHROID (thyroid tab 30 mg (1/2 grain))	Brand	7/12/26	Addition, Tier 3
AMERITHROID (thyroid tab 300 mg (5 grain))	Brand	7/12/26	Addition, Tier 3
AMERITHROID (thyroid tab 60 mg (1 grain))	Brand	7/12/26	Addition, Tier 3
AMERITHROID (thyroid tab 90 mg (1 1/2 grain))	Brand	7/12/26	Addition, Tier 3
AQVESME (mitapivat sulfate tab 100 mg)	Brand	8/1/26	Addition, Tier 5
AUSTEDO (deutetrabenazine tab 12 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary
AUSTEDO (deutetrabenazine tab 6 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary
AUSTEDO (deutetrabenazine tab 9 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary
AUSTEDO XR (deutetrabenazine tab er 24hr 12 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary
AUSTEDO XR (deutetrabenazine tab er 24hr 18 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary
AUSTEDO XR (deutetrabenazine tab er 24hr 24 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary
AUSTEDO XR (deutetrabenazine tab er 24hr 30 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary
AUSTEDO XR (deutetrabenazine tab er 24hr 36 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary
AUSTEDO XR (deutetrabenazine tab er 24hr 42 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary
AUSTEDO XR (deutetrabenazine tab er 24hr 48 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary
AUSTEDO XR (deutetrabenazine tab er 24hr 6 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary
AUSTEDO XR PATIENT TITRATION KIT (deutetrabenazine tab er titration pack 12 & 18 & 24 & 30 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary
AVTOZMA (tocilizumab-anoh subcutaneous soln auto-inj 162 mg/0.9ml)	Brand	7/24/26	Addition, Tier 5
AVTOZMA (tocilizumab-anoh subcutaneous soln pref syr 162 mg/0.9ml)	Brand	7/24/26	Addition, Tier 5
BESREMI PEN (ropeginterferon alfa-2b-njft soln pen inj 500 mcg/0.5ml)	Brand	7/19/26	Addition, Tier 5
BOSULIF (bosutinib tab 100 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
BOSULIF (bosutinib tab 400 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
BOSULIF (bosutinib tab 500 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
bosutinib tab 100 mg	Generic	6/14/26	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for BOSULIF
bosutinib tab 400 mg	Generic	6/21/26	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for BOSULIF
bosutinib tab 500 mg	Generic	6/14/26	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for BOSULIF
CARDAMYST (etipamil nasal soln 2 x 70 mg/dose)	Brand	8/1/26	Addition, Tier 4
COMIRNATY 2026-27 (covid-19 mma vac tris-pfizer im susp pref syr 30 mcg/0.3ml)	Brand	8/30/26	Addition, Tier 3
COMIRNATY/5-11Y/2026-27 (covid-19 mma vac tris-s 5-11y-pfizer im susp 10 mcg/0.3ml)	Brand	8/30/26	Addition, Tier 3
FARXIGA (dapagliflozin tab 10 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
FARXIGA (dapagliflozin tab 5 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
FLUAD 2026-2027 (influenza vac type a&b surface ant adj susp pref syr 0.5 ml)	Brand	7/12/26	Addition, Tier 3

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FLUARIX 2026-2027 (influenza virus vaccine split pf susp pref syringe 0.5 ml)	Brand	7/19/26	Addition, Tier 3
FLUBLOK 2026-2027 (influenza virus vacc recombinant ha pf soln pref syr 0.5 ml)	Brand	7/19/26	Addition, Tier 3
FLUCELVAX 2026-2027 (influenza virus vac tiss-cult subunit susp pref syr 0.5 ml)	Brand	7/12/26	Addition, Tier 3
FLULAVAL 2026-2027 (influenza virus vaccine split pf susp pref syringe 0.5 ml)	Brand	7/26/26	Addition, Tier 3
FLUMIST NASAL VACCINE 2026-2027 (influenza virus vaccine live intranasal liquid)	Brand	8/2/26	Addition, Tier 3
FLUZONE 2026-2027 (influenza virus vaccine split im susp)	Brand	7/19/26	Addition, Tier 3
FLUZONE 2026-2027 (influenza virus vaccine split pf susp pref syringe 0.5 ml)	Brand	7/19/26	Addition, Tier 3
FLUZONE HIGH-DOSE 2026-2027 (influenza virus vac split high-dose pf susp pref syr 0.5ml)	Brand	7/19/26	Addition, Tier 3
FOUNDAYO (orforglipron calcium (weight management) tab 0.8 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 3
FOUNDAYO (orforglipron calcium (weight management) tab 14.5 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 3
FOUNDAYO (orforglipron calcium (weight management) tab 17.2 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 3
FOUNDAYO (orforglipron calcium (weight management) tab 2.5 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 3
FOUNDAYO (orforglipron calcium (weight management) tab 5.5 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 3
FOUNDAYO (orforglipron calcium (weight management) tab 9 mg)	Brand	7/1/26	Addition, Tier 3
HEMANGEOL (propranolol hcl oral soln 4.28 mg/ml (3.75 mg/ml base equiv))	Brand	10/1/26	Addition, Tier 4
HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE SULFATE (hydroxychloroquine sulfate tab 100 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE SULFATE (hydroxychloroquine sulfate tab 300 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE SULFATE (hydroxychloroquine sulfate tab 400 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
HYMPAVZI (marstacimab-hncq subcutaneous soln auto-inj 75 mg/0.5ml)	Brand	6/28/26	Addition, Tier 5
HYRNUO (sevabertinib tab 10 mg)	Brand	8/1/26	Addition, Tier 5
ICOTYDE (icotrokinra hcl tab 200 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Addition, Tier 5
JANUMET (sitagliptin phosphate-metformin hcl tab 50-1000 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
JANUMET (sitagliptin phosphate-metformin hcl tab 50-500 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
JANUVIA (sitagliptin phosphate tab 100 mg (base equiv))	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
JANUVIA (sitagliptin phosphate tab 25 mg (base equiv))	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
JANUVIA (sitagliptin phosphate tab 50 mg (base equiv))	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
KETOROLAC TROMETHAMINE (ketorolac tromethamine ophth soln 0.4%)	Brand	10/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
macitentan tab 10 mg	Generic	6/12/26	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for OPSUMIT
MFLUSIVA 2026-27 (influenza virus vac type a&b mrna susp pref syr 0.38 ml)	Brand	8/9/26	Addition, Tier 3
mirabegron granules for oral extended release susp 8 mg/ml	Generic	6/14/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for MYRBETRIQ
MNEXSPIKE COVID-19 VACCINE/2026-27 (covid-19 mrna vaccine-moderna im susp pref syr 10 mcg/0.2ml)	Brand	8/30/26	Addition, Tier 3
MYQORZO (aficamten tab 10 mg)	Brand	9/1/26	Addition, Tier 5
MYQORZO (aficamten tab 15 mg)	Brand	9/1/26	Addition, Tier 5
MYQORZO (aficamten tab 20 mg)	Brand	9/1/26	Addition, Tier 5
MYQORZO (aficamten tab 5 mg)	Brand	9/1/26	Addition, Tier 5

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NUVAXOVID COVID-19 VACCINE/2026-27 (covid-19 subunit vacc-novavax im susp pref syr 5 mcg/0.5ml)	Brand	8/30/26	Addition, Tier 3
nystatin-triamcinolone cream 100000-0.1 unit/gm-%	Generic	10/1/26	Addition, Tier 2
OFEV (nintedanib esylate cap 100 mg (base equivalent))	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
OFEV (nintedanib esylate cap 150 mg (base equivalent))	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
OPSUMIT (macitentan tab 10 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
PAZOPANIB HYDROCHLORIDE (pazopanib hcl tab 400 mg (base equiv))	Brand	6/19/26	Addition, Tier 5
propranolol hcl oral soln 20 mg/5ml	Generic	8/5/26	Moved to Tier 1
rifapentine tab 150 mg	Generic	8/2/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for PRIFTIN
sitagliptin phosphate-metformin hcl tab er 24hr 100-1000 mg	Generic	8/2/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for JANUMET XR
sitagliptin phosphate-metformin hcl tab er 24hr 50-1000 mg	Generic	8/2/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for JANUMET XR
sitagliptin phosphate-metformin hcl tab er 24hr 50-500 mg	Generic	8/2/26	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for JANUMET XR
SKYRIZI (risankizumab-rzaa soln prefilled syringe 55 mg/0.37ml)	Brand	7/12/26	Addition, Tier 5
SPIKEVAX COVID-19 VACCINE/2026-27 (covid-19 mrna vaccine-moderna im susp pref syr 50 mcg/0.5ml)	Brand	8/30/26	Addition, Tier 3
SPIKEVAX COVID-19 VACCINE/6MO-11Y/2026-27 (covid-19 mrna vac 6mo-11yr-moderna im susp pfs 25 mcg/0.25ml)	Brand	8/30/26	Addition, Tier 3
tofacitinib citrate oral soln 1 mg/ml (base equivalent)	Generic	6/7/26	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for XELJANZ
tofacitinib citrate tab 10 mg (base equivalent)	Generic	6/7/26	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for XELJANZ
tofacitinib citrate tab 5 mg (base equivalent)	Generic	6/7/26	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for XELJANZ
tofacitinib citrate tab er 24hr 11 mg (base equivalent)	Generic	6/7/26	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for XELJANZ XR
tofacitinib citrate tab er 24hr 22 mg (base equivalent)	Generic	6/7/26	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for XELJANZ XR
TRYNGOLZA (olezarsen sod subcut soln auto-inject 50 mg/0.8ml (base eq))	Brand	7/5/26	Addition, Tier 5
TYVASO DPI MAINTENANCE KIT (treprostinil inh powder 112 x 48mcg & 112 x 80mcg)	Brand	6/7/26	Addition, Tier 5
UPTRAVI (selexipag tab 100 mcg)	Brand	8/2/26	Addition, Tier 5
UPTRAVI (selexipag tab 150 mcg)	Brand	8/2/26	Addition, Tier 5
VALTYA 1/50 (ethynodiol diacetate & ethinyl estradiol tab 1 mg-50 mcg)	Brand	10/1/26	Moved to Tier 4
XDEMVY (lotilaner ophth soln 0.25%)	Brand	10/1/26	Addition, Tier 4
XELJANZ (tofacitinib citrate oral soln 1 mg/ml (base equivalent))	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
XELJANZ (tofacitinib citrate tab 10 mg (base equivalent))	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
XELJANZ (tofacitinib citrate tab 5 mg (base equivalent))	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
XELJANZ XR (tofacitinib citrate tab er 24hr 11 mg (base equivalent))	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available

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XELJANZ XR (tofacitinib citrate tab er 24hr 22 mg (base equivalent))	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
XIGDUO XR (dapagliflozin free base-metformin hcl tab er 24hr 10-1000 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
XIGDUO XR (dapagliflozin free base-metformin hcl tab er 24hr 10-500 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
XIGDUO XR (dapagliflozin free base-metformin hcl tab er 24hr 5-1000 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
XIGDUO XR (dapagliflozin free base-metformin hcl tab er 24hr 5-500 mg)	Brand	10/1/26	Removed from formulary - generics available
ZYCUBO (copper histidinate for subcutaneous soln 2.9 mg)	Brand	9/1/26	Addition, Tier 5