

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
ACCURETIC (quinapril-hydrochlorothiazide tab 10-12.5 mg)	Brand	1/24/23	Addition, Tier 3
ADTHYZA (thyroid tab 130 mg)	Brand	2/19/23	Addition, Tier 4
ADTHYZA (thyroid tab 16.25 mg)	Brand	2/19/23	Addition, Tier 4
ADTHYZA (thyroid tab 32.5 mg)	Brand	2/19/23	Addition, Tier 4
ADTHYZA (thyroid tab 65 mg)	Brand	2/19/23	Addition, Tier 4
ADTHYZA (thyroid tab 97.5 mg)	Brand	2/19/23	Addition, Tier 4
alprazolam orally disintegrating tab 0.5 mg	Generic	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
brimonidine tartrate gel 0.33% (base equivalent)	Generic	1/8/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for MIRVASO
CVS COVID-19 AT HOME TESTKIT (covid-19 at home antigen test kit)	Brand	7/21/22	Addition, Tier 4
DALIRESP (roflumilast tab 250 mcg)	Brand	4/1/23	Removed from formulary - generics available
DALIRESP (roflumilast tab 500 mcg)	Brand	4/1/23	Removed from formulary - generics available
dantrolene sodium cap 100 mg	Generic	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
dantrolene sodium cap 25 mg	Generic	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
dantrolene sodium cap 50 mg	Generic	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
DEXCOM G7 RECEIVER (continuous blood glucose system receiver)	Brand	4/1/23	Addition, Tier 3
DEXCOM G7 SENSOR (continuous blood glucose system sensor)	Brand	4/1/23	Addition, Tier 3
eletriptan hydrobromide tab 20 mg (base equivalent)	Generic	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
eletriptan hydrobromide tab 40 mg (base equivalent)	Generic	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
emtricitabine caps 200 mg	Generic	2/1/23	Moved to Tier 4 - generic for EMTRIVA
estradiol valerate im in oil 10 mg/ml	Generic	1/22/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for DELESTROGEN
GENOTROPIN (somatropin for subcutaneous inj cartridge 12 mg (36 unit))	Brand	1/24/23	Addition, Tier 5
GENOTROPIN (somatropin for subcutaneous inj cartridge 5 mg)	Brand	1/24/23	Addition, Tier 5
GENOTROPIN MINIQUICK (somatropin for subcutaneous inj prefilled syr 0.2 mg)	Brand	1/24/23	Addition, Tier 5
GENOTROPIN MINIQUICK (somatropin for subcutaneous inj prefilled syr 0.4 mg)	Brand	1/24/23	Addition, Tier 5
GENOTROPIN MINIQUICK (somatropin for subcutaneous inj prefilled syr 0.6 mg)	Brand	1/24/23	Addition, Tier 5
GENOTROPIN MINIQUICK (somatropin for subcutaneous inj prefilled syr 0.8 mg)	Brand	1/24/23	Addition, Tier 5
GENOTROPIN MINIQUICK (somatropin for subcutaneous inj prefilled syr 1 mg)	Brand	1/24/23	Addition, Tier 5
GENOTROPIN MINIQUICK (somatropin for subcutaneous inj prefilled syr 1.2 mg)	Brand	1/24/23	Addition, Tier 5
GENOTROPIN MINIQUICK (somatropin for subcutaneous inj prefilled syr 1.4 mg)	Brand	1/24/23	Addition, Tier 5
GENOTROPIN MINIQUICK (somatropin for subcutaneous inj prefilled syr 1.6 mg)	Brand	1/24/23	Addition, Tier 5
GENOTROPIN MINIQUICK (somatropin for subcutaneous inj prefilled syr 1.8 mg)	Brand	1/24/23	Addition, Tier 5
GENOTROPIN MINIQUICK (somatropin for subcutaneous inj prefilled syr 2 mg)	Brand	1/24/23	Addition, Tier 5
GILENYA (fingolimod hcl cap 0.5 mg (base equiv))	Brand	4/1/23	Removed from formulary - generics available
imatinib mesylate tab 400 mg (base equivalent)	Generic	2/1/23	Moved to Tier 4 - generic for GLEEVEC
ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE (isosorbide mononitrate tab 10 mg)	Brand	4/1/23	Moved to Tier 4
ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE (isosorbide mononitrate tab 20 mg)	Brand	4/1/23	Moved to Tier 4

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LEVEMIR FLEXPEN (insulin detemir soln pen-injector 100 unit/ml)	Brand	12/25/22	Addition, Tier 3
lopinavir-ritonavir tab 100-25 mg	Generic	2/1/23	Moved to Tier 4 - generic for KALETRA
lopinavir-ritonavir tab 200-50 mg	Generic	2/1/23	Moved to Tier 4 - generic for KALETRA
lorazepam conc 2 mg/ml	Generic	4/1/23	Addition, Tier 2
lurasidone hcl tab 120 mg	Generic	1/29/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for LATUDA
lurasidone hcl tab 20 mg	Generic	1/29/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for LATUDA
lurasidone hcl tab 40 mg	Generic	1/29/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for LATUDA
lurasidone hcl tab 60 mg	Generic	1/29/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for LATUDA
lurasidone hcl tab 80 mg	Generic	1/29/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for LATUDA
methylphenidate hcl cap er 24hr 10 mg (la)	Generic	2/8/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for RITALIN LA
methylphenidate hcl cap er 24hr 15 mg (xr)	Generic	2/8/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for APTENSION XR
methylphenidate hcl cap er 24hr 20 mg (xr)	Generic	2/8/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for APTENSION XR
methylphenidate hcl cap er 24hr 30 mg (xr)	Generic	2/8/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for APTENSION XR
methylphenidate hcl cap er 24hr 40 mg (xr)	Generic	2/8/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for APTENSION XR
methylphenidate hcl cap er 24hr 50 mg (xr)	Generic	2/8/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for APTENSION XR
methylphenidate hcl cap er 24hr 60 mg (xr)	Generic	2/8/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for APTENSION XR
methylphenidate hcl soln 10 mg/5ml	Generic	2/8/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for METHYLIN
methylphenidate hcl soln 5 mg/5ml	Generic	2/8/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for METHYLIN
methylphenidate hcl tab er 24hr 27 mg	Generic	2/8/23	Addition, Tier 2
methylphenidate hcl tab er 24hr 36 mg	Generic	2/8/23	Addition, Tier 2
methylphenidate hcl tab er 24hr 54 mg	Generic	2/8/23	Addition, Tier 2
metronidazole lotion 0.75%	Generic	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
mifepristone tab 200 mg	Generic	3/1/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for MIFEPREX
MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE/BIVALENT/6MO-5Y (covid-19 mma bival vacc 6mo-5y-moderna im susp 10 mcg/0.2ml)	Brand	12/8/22	Addition, Tier 3
MOUNJARO (tirzepatide soln pen-injector 10 mg/0.5ml)	Brand	4/1/23	Addition, Tier 3
MOUNJARO (tirzepatide soln pen-injector 12.5 mg/0.5ml)	Brand	4/1/23	Addition, Tier 3
MOUNJARO (tirzepatide soln pen-injector 15 mg/0.5ml)	Brand	4/1/23	Addition, Tier 3
MOUNJARO (tirzepatide soln pen-injector 2.5 mg/0.5ml)	Brand	4/1/23	Addition, Tier 3

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MOUNJARO (tirzepatide soln pen-injector 5 mg/0.5ml)	Brand	4/1/23	Addition, Tier 3
MOUNJARO (tirzepatide soln pen-injector 7.5 mg/0.5ml)	Brand	4/1/23	Addition, Tier 3
NUVARING (etonogestrel-ethinyl estradiol va ring 0.120-0.015 mg/24hr)	Brand	2/1/23	Moved to Tier 2 - generics available
OXBRYTA (voxelotor tab 300 mg)	Brand	1/1/23	Addition, Tier 5
oxycodone hcl cap 5 mg	Generic	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
OXYMORPHONE HYDROCHLORIDE ER (oxymorphone hcl tab er 12hr 10 mg)	Brand	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
OXYMORPHONE HYDROCHLORIDE ER (oxymorphone hcl tab er 12hr 15 mg)	Brand	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
OXYMORPHONE HYDROCHLORIDE ER (oxymorphone hcl tab er 12hr 20 mg)	Brand	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
OXYMORPHONE HYDROCHLORIDE ER (oxymorphone hcl tab er 12hr 30 mg)	Brand	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
OXYMORPHONE HYDROCHLORIDE ER (oxymorphone hcl tab er 12hr 5 mg)	Brand	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
OXYMORPHONE HYDROCHLORIDE ER (oxymorphone hcl tab er 12hr 7.5 mg)	Brand	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
OXYMORPHONE HYDROCHLORIDEER (oxymorphone hcl tab er 12hr 40 mg)	Brand	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
OZEMPIC (semaglutide soln pen-inj 0.25 or 0.5 mg/dose (2 mg/3ml))	Brand	12/18/22	Addition, Tier 3
NP THYROID 120 (thyroid tab 120 mg (2 grain))	Brand	4/1/23	Moved to Tier 4
NP THYROID 15 (thyroid tab 15 mg (1/4 grain))	Brand	4/1/23	Moved to Tier 4
NP THYROID 30 (thyroid tab 30 mg (1/2 grain))	Brand	4/1/23	Moved to Tier 4
NP THYROID 60 (thyroid tab 60 mg (1 grain))	Brand	4/1/23	Moved to Tier 4
NP THYROID 90 (thyroid tab 90 mg (1 1/2 grain))	Brand	4/1/23	Moved to Tier 4
PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19VACCINE/BIVALENT/6M-4Y (covid-19 mma bival vacc 6mo-4yr-pfizer im susp 3 mcg/0.2ml)	Brand	12/8/22	Addition, Tier 3
PIRFENIDONE (pirfenidone tab 534 mg)	Brand	12/16/22	Addition, Tier 5
pirfenidone cap 267 mg	Generic	1/15/23	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for ESBRIET
QUINAPRIL/HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE (quinapril-hydrochlorothiazide tab 20-12.5 mg)	Brand	4/1/23	Moved to Tier 4
QUINAPRIL/HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE (quinapril-hydrochlorothiazide tab 20-25 mg)	Brand	4/1/23	Moved to Tier 4
REBINYN (coagulation factor ix recomb glycopegylated for inj 3000 unt)	Brand	2/19/23	Addition, Tier 5
ROTARIX (rotavirus vaccine, live oral susp)	Brand	2/12/23	Addition, Tier 3
sevelamer carbonate packet 0.8 gm	Generic	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
sevelamer carbonate packet 2.4 gm	Generic	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
SKYRIZI (risankizumab-rzaa subcutaneous soln cartridge 180 mg/1.2ml)	Brand	12/25/22	Addition, Tier 5
SPEEDY SWAB RAPID COVID-19 ANTIGEN SELF-TEST (covid-19 at home antigen test kit)	Brand	12/18/22	Addition, Tier 4
SUMATRIPTAN SUCCINATE REFILL (sumatriptan succinate solution cartridge 4 mg/0.5ml)	Brand	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
SUMATRIPTAN SUCCINATE REFILL (sumatriptan succinate solution cartridge 6 mg/0.5ml)	Brand	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
TAKHZYRO (lanadelumab-flyo soln pref syringe 150 mg/ml)	Brand	2/19/23	Addition, Tier 5
tasimelteon capsule 20 mg	Generic	1/1/23	Addition, Tier 5 - generic for HETLIOZ
temozolomide cap 100 mg	Generic	2/1/23	Moved to Tier 4
temozolomide cap 140 mg	Generic	2/1/23	Moved to Tier 4
temozolomide cap 180 mg	Generic	2/1/23	Moved to Tier 4
temozolomide cap 20 mg	Generic	2/1/23	Moved to Tier 4
temozolomide cap 250 mg	Generic	2/1/23	Moved to Tier 4
temozolomide cap 5 mg	Generic	2/1/23	Moved to Tier 4

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topiramate cap er 24hr 100 mg	Generic	1/8/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for TROKENDI XR
topiramate cap er 24hr 25 mg	Generic	1/8/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for TROKENDI XR
topiramate cap er 24hr 50 mg	Generic	1/8/23	Addition, Tier 2 - generic for TROKENDI XR
tretinoin gel 0.025%	Generic	4/1/23	Removed from formulary
TRIMETHOPRIM (trimethoprim tab 100 mg)	Brand	4/1/23	Removed from formulary - generics available
TURALIO (pexidartinib hcl cap 125 mg (base equivalent))	Brand	1/8/23	Addition, Tier 5
varenicline tartrate tab 0.5 mg (base equiv)	Generic	1/26/23	Moved to Tier 2
varenicline tartrate tab 1 mg (base equiv)	Generic	1/26/23	Moved to Tier 2
zolmitriptan orally disintegrating tab 2.5 mg	Generic	4/1/23	Removed from formulary