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Purpose: To support the use of preferred products that are safe and effective.

Scope: Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP)

Policy Statement:

The Medically Administered Step Therapy Policy will provide coverage of preferred medications when it is determined to be medically necessary and is covered under the Medical Benefit when used within the following guidelines. Use outside of these guidelines may result in non-payment unless approved under an exception process.

Procedure:

Coverage of Medically administered drugs will be reviewed prospectively via the prior authorization process based on criteria below.

MMP patients who have previously received the requested medication within the past 365 days are not subject to Step Therapy Requirements.

Medications that Require Step Therapy	Preferred Medication(s)	Class of Medication
H.P. Acthar	Multiple Sclerosis: Trial of one of the following - IV methylprednisolone, or IV dexamethasone Rheumatic Disorders, Collagen Diseases, Dermatologic Disorders, Allergic States, Ophthalmic Diseases, Respiratory Disease, and Edematous States: Trial of two IV corticosteroids Nephrotic syndrome without uremia of the idiopathic type or lupus erythematosus: Trial of two IV corticosteroids and trial of one of the following - cyclophosphamide, cyclosporine, mycophenolate OR using diuretics, Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE)	Adrenocorticotropin Stimulating Hormone

	inhibitors, Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (ARBs), or albumin	
Duopa	Trial of all of the following - oral levodopa/carbidopa, a dopamine agonist, a catechol-O-methyl transferase (COMT) inhibitor OR a monoamine oxidase B (MAO)-B inhibitor	Anti- Parkinson Agent
Xenleta	Trial of alternative antibiotic to which the organism is susceptible (i.e., moxifloxacin, levofloxacin, beta-lactam + macrolide, beta-lactam + doxycycline, etc.)	Antibiotic
Adynovate, Eloctate, Jivi, Esperoct	Hemophilia A : Trial of one of the following - Advate, Afstyla, Hemofil M, Koate DVI, Kogenate FS, Kovaltry, Novoeight, Nuwiq, Obizur, Recombinate, Xyntha/Xyntha Solofuse	Antihemophilic Agent
Alphanate, Humate-P, Wilate	von Willebrand disease (mild or moderate): Trial of desmopressin	Antihemophilic Agent
Alprolix, Idelvion, Rebinyn	All indications: Trial of one of the following - Alphanine SD, Bebulin, BeneFIX, Ixinity, Mononine, Profilnine, and Rixubis	Antihemophilic Agent
Feiba NF/ Feiba VF	Hemophilia A: has had a trial of Hemlibra	Antihemophilic Agent
Hemlibra	Hemophilia A (congenital factor VIII deficiency) with inhibitors: trial of one of the following bypassing agents - NovoSeven, Feiba Hemophilia A (congenital factor VIII deficiency) without inhibitors: Patient is not a suitable candidate for treatment with a shorter half-life Factor VIII products at a total weekly dose of 100 IU/kg or less	Antihemophilic Agent
Novoseven RT	Hemophilia A: has had a trial of Hemlibra	Antihemophilic Agent
Vonvendi	von Willebrand disease (mild or moderate): Trial of desmopressin	Antihemophilic Agent
Vyepti	Chronic Migraines: trial of two oral medications from two different classes of drugs for the prevention of migraines AND two triptan medications AND trial of calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) antagonists (e.g., erenumab, galcanezumab, fremanezumab, etc.) AND botulinum toxin for members Episodic migraines: trial of two oral medications from two different classes of drugs for the prevention of migraines AND two triptan medications AND trial of calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) antagonists (e.g., erenumab, galcanezumab, fremanezumab, etc.)	Anti-migraine Agent

Actemra	Rheumatoid Arthritis: Trial of one oral DMARD AND Trial of two or more TNF inhibitors (e.g., Humira) Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis: Trial of one NSAID or systemic glucocorticoid (e.g., prednisone, methylprednisolone) AND Trial of Humira Management of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor related Inflammatory Arthritis: Trial of corticosteroids	Autoimmune
Cimzia	Rheumatoid Arthritis: Trial of methotrexate Ankylosing spondylitis and axial spondyloarthritis: Trial of at least 2 non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) Crohn's Disease: Trial of one of the following - budesonide, metronidazole, ciprofloxacin, Xifaxan, azathioprine, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, sulfasalazine, prednisone, methylprednisolone, or tacrolimus Plaque Psoriasis: Trial of one of the following - methotrexate, cyclosporine, or acitretin	Autoimmune
Entyvio	Crohn's Disease: Trial of one of the following - corticosteroids, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or azathioprine AND Trial of one TNF modifier (e.g., Humira, Remicade, Renflexis, Inflectra, or Avsola) Ulcerative Colitis: Trial of one of the following - corticosteroids, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate or azathioprine AND Trial of one TNF modifier (e.g., Humira, Remicade, Renflexis, Inflectra, or Avsola) Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor related Diarrhea/Colitis: Refractory to Infliximab products	Autoimmune
Ilaris	Still's Disease and Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis: Trial of one oral NSAID OR systemic glucocorticoid (e.g., prednisone, methylprednisolone) Familial Mediterranean Fever: colchicine	Autoimmune
Ilumya	Plaque psoriasis: Trial of one of the following - methotrexate, cyclosporine, or acitretin	Autoimmune

Orencia	Rheumatoid Arthritis: Trial of one oral disease modifying anti-rheumatic agent (DMARD) such as methotrexate, azathioprine, hydroxychloroquine, penicillamine, sulfasalazine, or leflunomide Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis: Trial of oral non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) OR an oral disease-modifying anti-rheumatic agent (DMARD) (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, sulfasalazine, etc.) Psoriatic Arthritis: For patients with predominantly axial disease OR active enthesitis and/or dactylitis, an adequate trial and failure of at least two non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents (NSAIDs); OR for patients with peripheral arthritis, a trial and failure of at least a 3 month trial of one oral disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD) such as methotrexate, azathioprine, sulfasalazine, or hydroxychloroquine Chronic Graft Versus Host Disease: Trial and failure of systemic corticosteroids Management of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Related Toxicity: Trial and failure of methylprednisolone	Autoimmune
Remicade	All indications: Trial of ALL Infliximab Biosimilar (Example: Inflectra, Avsola, Ixifi, AND Renflexis)	Autoimmune
Remicade, Renflexis, Inflectra, Avsola	Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis: Trial of one of the following -corticosteroids, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or azathioprine Rheumatoid Arthritis: Trial of one oral disease modifying anti-rheumatic agent (DMARD) AND used in combination with methotrexate Psoriatic Arthritis: Trial of two NSAIDs OR Trial of one oral DMARD Ankylosing Spondylitis: Trial of two NSAIDs Plaque Psoriasis: Trial of one of the following systemic products - immunosuppressives, retinoic acid derivatives, and/or methotrexate	Autoimmune
Renflexis, Ixifi or Avsola	All indications: Trial of Inflectra	Autoimmune

Simponi Aria	Rheumatoid Arthritis: Trial of one oral disease modifying anti-rheumatic agent (DMARD) Psoriatic Arthritis: Trial of two NSAIDs OR Trial of one oral DMARD Ankylosing Spondylitis: Trial of two NSAIDs Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (pJIA): Trial of oral NSAIDs OR Trial of an oral DMARD	Autoimmune
Stelara	Crohn's Disease: Trial of one of the following - corticosteroids or immunomodulators, (e.g., 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, azathioprine) AND Trial of one TNF modifier Ulcerative Colitis: Trial of one of the following – mesalamine, corticosteroids, 6-mercaptopurine, or azathioprine AND Trial of one TNF modifier (e.g., Humira, Simponi, Inflectra, Renflexis, Avsola, or Remicade)	Autoimmune
Tremfya	Plaque psoriasis: Trial of one of the following - methotrexate, cyclosporine, or acitretin Active Psoriatic Arthritis: Trial of at least 2 NSAIDs OR Trial of one DMARD	Autoimmune
Evenity	Osteoporosis: bisphosphonates (oral and/or IV) such as alendronate, risedronate, ibandronate, or zoledronic acid AND RANKL-blocking agents such as denosumab	Bone Modifying Agent
Prolia	Trial of Zometa/Reclast or Aredia	Bone Modifying Agent
Xgeva	Trial of Zometa/Reclast or Aredia	Bone Modifying Agent
Parsabiv	Hyperparathyroidism secondary to chronic kidney disease: Trial of cinacalcet	Calcimimetic
Miacalcin	Hypercalcemic emergency: trial of cinacalcet Paget's disease: trial of both of the following - alendronate and pamidronate Postmenopausal osteoporosis: trial of two of the following - zoledronic acid, alendronate, teriparatide, Prolia (denosumab), Xgeva (denosumab)	Calcitonin

Evkeeza	Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia (HoFH): At least a 3-month trial of adherent therapy with: ezetimibe used in combination with the highest available dose of atorvastatin OR rosuvastatin and tried and failed at least a 3 month trial of adherent therapy with: combination therapy consisting of the highest available dose of atorvastatin OR rosuvastatin, ezetimibe, AND a PSCK9 inhibitor indicated for HoFH (e.g., evolocumab, alirocumab)	Cardiology
Abecma	Relapsed/Refractory multiple myeloma: progressed on 4 or more lines of therapy AND refractory to an immunomodulatory agent (e.g., lenalidomide, thalidomide, pomalidomide), a proteasome inhibitor (e.g., bortezomib, carfilzomib, ixazomib), and an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody (e.g., daratumumab, isatuximab).	CAR-T Immunotherapy
Kymriah	Pediatric and Young Adult Relapsed or Refractory (r/r) B-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL): Member has relapsed/refractory Philadelphia chromosome-negative B-ALL that has progressed after 2 cycles of a standard chemotherapy regimen for initial diagnosis OR after 1 cycle of standard chemotherapy for relapsed leukemia OR member with relapsed/refractory Philadelphia chromosome-positive B-ALL that has progressed after failure of 2 prior regimens, including a TKI-containing regimen Adult Relapsed or Refractory (r/r) Large B-cell Lymphoma: For diffuse large B-cell lymphoma arising from follicular lymphoma, high-grade B- cell lymphoma: Member has previously received at least 2 lines of therapy including rituximab and an anthracycline	CAR-T Immunotherapy
Yescarta	Non-Hodgkin Lymphomas (chemotherapy – refractory disease): trial and failure of two or more lines of systemic chemotherapy OR for DLBL, failure of 2 or more lines of systemic chemotherapy, including rituximab and an anthracycline Follicular Lymphoma: trial of 2 or more lines of systemic therapies, including the combination of an anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody and an alkylating agent (e.g., R-bendamustine, R-CHOP, R-CVP)	CAR-T Immunotherapy
Amondys 45	All indications: Trial of corticosteroids for at least 6 months	Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

Exondys 51	All indications: Trial of corticosteroids for at least 6 months	Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
Viltepso	All indications: trial of corticosteroids for at least 3 months	Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
Vyondys 53	All indications: Trial of corticosteroids for at least 6 months and Viltepso	Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
Elelyso, VPRIV	All indications: Trial of Cerezyme	Enzyme Replacement
Krystexxa	All indications: Trial of all of the following -Allopurinol, Probenecid	Gout
Aranesp	All indications: Trial of Retacrit	Hematopoetic Agent
Long Acting Colony Stimulating Factors: Fulphila, Nyvepria, Ziextenzo (Oncology and Non Oncology)	All indications: Trial of either Neulasta or Udenyca	Hematopoetic Agent
Mircera	All indications: Trial of Retacrit	Hematopoetic Agent
Nplate	Chronic immune (idiopathic) thrombocytopenia: Trial of one of the following – corticosteroids (e.g., prednisone, methylprednisolone) and/ or immunoglobulins and/or rituximab	Hematopoetic Agent
Procrit, Epogen	All indications: Trial of Retacrit	Hematopoetic Agent
Short Acting Colony Stimulating Factors: Nivestym, Neupogen, Granix (Oncology and Non Oncology)	All indications: Zarxio	Hematopoetic Agent
Berinert	Trial of high dose antihistamine (e.g., cetirizine) for members with normal C1 inhibitor levels and a family history of angioedema without genetic testing	Hereditary Angioedema
Cinryze	All indications: Trial of “on-demand” therapy (i.e., Kalbitor, Firazyr, Ruconest, or Berinert) HAE with normal C1INH: trial of prophylactic therapy with an antifibrinolytic agent (e.g., tranexamic acid (TXA) or aminocaproic acid) and/or a 17α-alkylated androgen (e.g., danazol)	Hereditary Angioedema
Haegarda	Trial of high dose antihistamine (e.g., cetirizine) for members with normal C1 inhibitor levels and a family history of angioedema without genetic testing	Hereditary Angioedema

Kalbitor	Trial of high dose antihistamine (e.g., cetirizine) for members with normal C1 inhibitor levels and a family history of angioedema without genetic testing	Hereditary Angioedema
Ruconest	Trial of high-dose antihistamine (e.g., cetirizine) for members with normal C1 inhibitor levels and a family history of angioedema without genetic testing	Hereditary Angioedema
Testopel	All indications: Trial of one topical testosterone product (patch or gel) AND Trial of one injectable testosterone such as testosterone cypionate injection or testosterone enanthate injection	Hormone Replacement
Serostim	HIV wasting: at least three alternative therapies such as cyproheptadine, dronabinol, megestrol acetate or testosterone therapy if hypogonadal	Hormone Therapy
Somatuline Depot or Bynfezia pen	All Indications: trial of Sandostatin IV/SQ or LAR Depot	Hormone Therapy
Triptodur	Central Precocious Puberty : Trial of Trelstar	Hormone Therapy
Euflexxa	All indications: Trial of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), acetaminophen (up to 1 g 4 times/day) and/or topical capsaicin cream, and intra-articular steroids	Hyaluronic Acid
Hyalgan, Durolane, Monovisc, Orthovisc, Supartz, Synvisc, Synvisc-One, Genvisc, Visco-3, Hymovis, Gel-one, Gelysn, Synojoynt, Triluron, Trivisc	All indications: Trial of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), acetaminophen (up to 1 g 4 times/day) and/or topical capsaicin cream, and intra-articular steroids and Euflexxa	Hyaluronic Acid
Crysvita	Adult patients with X-linked hypophosphatemia: Trial of an oral phosphate and active vitamin D analogs	Hypophosphatemia
Cuvitru, Cutaquig, Xembify, Hizentra or Hyqvia (Subcutaneous IG)	All indications: Trial of one of the following - Gammaked/Gamunex-C or Gammagard liquid	Immune Globulins

Intravenous Immune Globulins: Asceniv, Bivigam, Gammagard S/D, Gammaplex, Privigen or Panzyga	All indications: Gammaked/Gamunex-C, Gammagard liquid, Flebogamma/Flebogamma DIF, or Octagam Myasthenia Gravis: patient is failing on conventional immunosuppressant therapy alone (e.g., corticosteroids, azathioprine, cyclosporine, mycophenolate, methotrexate, tacrolimus, cyclophosphamide, etc.) Dermatomyositis or Polymyositis: Trial of one corticosteroid AND one immunosuppressant (e.g., methotrexate, azathioprine) Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy: Trial of one corticosteroid Stiff-Person syndrome: Trial of two of the following - benzodiazepines, baclofen, gabapentin, valproate, tiagabine, or levetiracetam Management of Immune-Checkpoint-Inhibitor Related Toxicity: Trial of high dose corticosteroids or methylprednisolone Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases: corticosteroids and concurrent immunosuppressive treatment (e.g., azathioprine, cyclophosphamide, mycophenolate mofetil, etc.)	Immune Globulins
Benlysta	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus: Trial of two standard therapies such as antimalarials, corticosteroids, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or immunosuppressives Lupus Nephritis: Trial of standard therapies including corticosteroids AND either cyclophosphamide or mycophenolate mofetil	Lupus
Probuphine	All indications: Trial of one of the following - Buprenorphine/naloxone, buprenorphine	Medication Assisted Treatment
Sublocade	All indications: Trial of one of the following - Buprenorphine/naloxone, buprenorphine	Medication Assisted Treatment
Cinqair	Asthma: Trial of Inhaled corticosteroid; AND an additional controller medication (long acting beta 2-agonist, leukotriene modifier, or sustained-release theophylline)	Monoclonal Antibody

Fasenra	Asthma: Trial of Inhaled corticosteroid; AND an additional controller medication (long acting beta 2-agonist, leukotriene modifier, or sustained-release theophylline)	Monoclonal Antibody
Nucala	Asthma: Trial of a medium – high dose inhaled corticosteroid; AND an additional controller medication (long acting beta 2-agonist, leukotriene modifier, or sustained-release theophylline) Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis: Trial of oral corticosteroids for at least 4 weeks	Monoclonal Antibody
Soliris	Myasthenia Gravis: Trial of two of the following - azathioprine, cyclosporine, mycophenolate mofetil, tacrolimus, methotrexate, cyclophosphamide AND Trial of a chronic IVIG Neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD): Trial of Uplizna Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH): Trial of Ultomiris	Monoclonal Antibody
Xolair	Chronic idiopathic urticaria: scheduled dosing of a second-generation H1 antihistamine for at least one month; AND inadequate response with scheduled dosing of one of the following: Updosing/dose advancement (up to 4-fold) of a second-generation H1 antihistamine, add-on therapy with a leukotriene antagonist (e.g., montelukast), add-on therapy with another H1 antihistamine or add-on therapy with a H2-antagonist. Asthma: Trial of Inhaled corticosteroid; AND an additional controller medication (long acting beta 2-agonist, leukotriene modifier, or sustained-release theophylline) Nasal Polyps: Trial of intranasal corticosteroid therapy	Monoclonal Antibody
Lemtrada	Multiple Sclerosis: Trial of two drugs indicated for Multiple Sclerosis AND trial and failure of Tysabri	Multiple Sclerosis
Ocrevus	Multiple Sclerosis: Trial of a disease modifying agent if the patient is not newly diagnosed with relapsing Multiple Sclerosis	Multiple Sclerosis

Tysabri	Multiple Sclerosis: Trial of two drugs indicated for the treatment of relapsing MS Crohn's Disease: Trial of two oral immunosuppressive therapies, such as corticosteroids, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, and/or azathioprine AND Trial of one TNF-inhibitor	Multiple Sclerosis/Crohn's
Botox	Migraine: two oral medications for the prevention of migraines, such as Antidepressants (e.g., amitriptyline, fluoxetine, nortriptyline, etc.) Beta blockers (e.g., propranolol, metoprolol, nadolol, timolol, atenolol, pindolol, etc.) Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors/angiotensin II receptor blockers (e.g., lisinopril, candesartan, etc.) Anti-epileptics (e.g., divalproex, valproate, topiramate, etc.) Calcium channels blockers (e.g., verapamil, etc.) Urinary incontinence and OAB: Trial of two medications from either the antimuscarinic or beta-adrenergic classes Chronic Anal Fissures: Trial of conventional pharmacologic therapy (e.g., nifedipine, diltiazem, and/or topical nitroglycerin, bethanechol, etc.)	Neuromuscular Blocker Agent
Dysport	Migraine: two oral medications for the prevention of migraines, such as Antidepressants (e.g., amitriptyline, fluoxetine, nortriptyline, etc.) Beta blockers (e.g., propranolol, metoprolol, nadolol, timolol, atenolol, pindolol, etc.) Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors/angiotensin II receptor blockers (e.g., lisinopril, candesartan, etc.) Anti-epileptics (e.g., divalproex, valproate, topiramate, etc.) Calcium channels blockers (e.g., verapamil, etc.) Chronic Anal Fissures: Trial of conventional pharmacologic therapy (e.g. nifedipine, diltiazem, and/or topical nitroglycerin, bethanechol, etc.) Incontinence due to neurogenic detrusor overactivity and OAB: Trial of two medications from either the antimuscarinic or beta-adrenergic classes	Neuromuscular Blocker Agent

Myobloc	Migraine: two oral medications for the prevention of migraines, such as Antidepressants (e.g., amitriptyline, fluoxetine, nortriptyline, etc.) Beta blockers (e.g., propranolol, metoprolol, nadolol, timolol, atenolol, pindolol, etc.) Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors/angiotensin II receptor blockers (e.g., lisinopril, candesartan, etc.) Anti-epileptics (e.g., divalproex, valproate, topiramate, etc.) Calcium channels blockers (e.g., verapamil, etc.)	Neuromuscular Blocker Agent
Xeomin	Migraine: two oral medications for the prevention of migraines, such as Antidepressants (e.g., amitriptyline, fluoxetine, nortriptyline, etc.) Beta blockers (e.g., propranolol, metoprolol, nadolol, timolol, atenolol, pindolol, etc.) Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors/angiotensin II receptor blockers (e.g., lisinopril, candesartan, etc.) Anti-epileptics (e.g., divalproex, valproate, topiramate, etc.) Calcium channels blockers (e.g., verapamil, etc.) Incontinence due to neurogenic detrusor overactivity and OAB: Trial of two medications from either the antimuscarinic or beta-adrenergic classes	Neuromuscular Blocker Agent
Avastin	All Oncology Indications: Trial of Bevacizumab biosimilar product, such as Mvasi or Zirabev	Oncology
Herceptin and Biosimilars, Herceptin Hylecta	All indications: Kanjinti or Trazimera	Oncology
Khapzory/Fusilev	Osteosarcoma, Colorectal Cancer, and Treatment of a folate antagonist overdose: Trial of leucovorin	Oncology
Nipent	Chronic or acute graft verse host disease (GVHD): Trial of corticosteroids	Oncology
Rituxan Hycela	All indications: Ruxience or Truxima	Oncology
Rituxan, Riabni	All indications: Ruxience or Truxima Rheumatoid Arthritis: one oral disease modifying antirheumatic drug (DMARD) AND at least one preferred tumor necrosis factor (TNF) antagonist (one must be self-injectable)	Oncology

Beovu	Neovascular (wet) age related macular degeneration (AMD): bevacizumab	Ophthalmic Agent
Durysta	Trial of at least two trials of IOP reducing eye drop agents (combination therapy should be used if warranted) from two different medication classes. For one trial, the member must have been treated with a prostaglandin analog (e.g., latanoprost)	Ophthalmic Agent
Eylea	Diabetic Macular Edema (DME) with a baseline visual acuity of 20/50 or worse: bevacizumab or ranibizumab (Lucentis) DME and baseline visual acuity better than 20/50, Neovascular (Wet) Age Related Macular Degeneration, Macular Edema Following Retinal Vein Occlusion, and Diabetic Retinopathy: bevacizumab	Ophthalmic Agent
Lucentis	All indications: bevacizumab	Ophthalmic Agent
Tepezza	Thyroid Eye Disease: Intravenous glucocorticoids	Ophthalmic Agent
Oxlumo	Trial of at least 3 months of pyridoxine	Primary Hyperoxaluria

*** Requests will also be reviewed to National Coverage Determination (NCD) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) if applicable.***

Investigational use: All therapies are considered investigational when used at a dose or for a condition other than those that are recognized as medically accepted indications as defined in any one of the following standard reference compendia: American Hospital Formulary Service Drug information (AHFS-DI), Thomson Micromedex DrugDex, Clinical Pharmacology, Wolters Kluwer Lexi-Drugs, or Peer-reviewed published medical literature indicating that sufficient evidence exists to support use. Neighborhood does not provide coverage for drugs when used for investigational purposes.

For additional information on the step therapy process, please call member services at 1-844-812-6896 for INTEGRITY (Medicare Medicaid Plan) members.