

The following changes to the Neighborhood formulary were recently approved by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee. These changes are effective immediately unless otherwise indicated.

Medications Added or Modified	Description	Rationale
Branded SGA Prior Authorization Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA form created to allow providers to submit requests for branded second Generation Antipsychotics (SGAs) if risperidone is not an option for the member 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Update to Suboxone QL and PA form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A QL of 3 tablets/day of 8mg (24mg/day) will be allowed for doses greater than this, the provider will need to indicate on the form the rationale A QL of 3 tablets/day of 2mg (6mg/day) will be allowed. For use with 8mg tablets, rationale must be provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to experts and the manufacturer, most treated with Suboxone should be able to be maintained on 24mg/day Members are instructed to split 8mg tablets and therefore most should be able to be maintained on either strength, not both
Morphine Equivalent Dosing Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update to limits on long acting opiates Oxycontin 300mg/day Morphine ER 600mg/day Fentanyl 150mcg/hr Methadone 90mg/day 	
Methadone-Long Acting Opioid step preclusive edit	Edit put in place preventing methadone from being prescribed with a long acting opioid	Safety concerns regarding the long half-life of methadone as well as its drug interaction potential
Other Cardiovascular Preparations	Remove generic bisoprolol from the formulary (those currently taking this will be allowed to continue)	The cost is 60% more than other beta blockers and its combination bisoprolol/HCTZ
Other Hypotensives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove amlodipine/benazepril combination product Remove fosinopril, fosinopril/HCTZ, quinapril/HCTZ and ramipril 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The two ingredients amlodipine and benazepril are available separately and cost is 1/3 that of the combination These agents are 63% more expensive than other ACE Inhibitors and ACE/HCTZ combinations
Adrenergics	Add AdrenaClick to the formulary, which will allow its generic equivalent to be covered	The current cost of the generic AdrenaClick is the same as Epi-Pen and AdrenaClick and the price of this generic will begin to decrease with time.
Alvesco®	Do not add to formulary	This product does not offer any benefits over the other single ingredient inhaled corticosteroids currently formulary

Tekturna®-Tekturna-HCT®-Valturna®	Do not add to formulary	This product does not offer any benefits over the hypotensive agents currently formulary
Adcirca®	Add to formulary with Prior Authorization	This product used to treat Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH) is dosed once daily compared to Revatio®, which is dosed TID (PDE5 inhibitor currently formulary with PA). It appears to be slightly less expensive than Revatio as well.
Letairis®	Add to formulary with Prior Authorization	This product used to treat PAH is dosed once daily and may have less liver toxicities compared to Tracleer®, which is dosed BID (endothelin antagonist that is non-formulary). It appears to be slightly less expensive than Tracleer as well.
Ranexa®	Do not add to formulary	This antianginal product does not offer any benefits over the current formulary products and has multiple drug interactions as well as increased risk of QT prolongation
Exforge®	Do not add to formulary	This combination product does not offer any benefits over the hypotensive agents currently formulary

Please call the Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-401-459-6020 for pharmacy authorization requests or for further information on the Neighborhood formulary.

Explanation of Terms

Products listed as “added” are available to most Neighborhood members at zero copay, if restrictions apply they will be indicated on this form and in the electronic formulary. Drugs may be limited to certain age groups (an AGE EDIT), by demonstrating prior therapies have been attempted (a STEP EDIT), in quantity allowed per 30 days (a QUANTITY LIMIT), or by requiring precertification for use from NHPRI (a PRIOR AUTHORIZATION). Products listed as “removed” are no longer available to Neighborhood members and are considered non-formulary or benefit exclusions. Physicians may requests these products via the medical necessity request process only.