

Medicare Part B Step Therapy

The drugs on this list require step therapy.

Step therapy means you must try one drug before we will cover another drug. Before we cover certain drugs, you must first try a different or less expensive drug. If the first drug does not work, then we will cover the second drug.

You can ask for an exception if you think you need a step therapy drug. Your prescriber or your authorized representative may also ask for an exception. For information on how to ask, please see your Member Handbook.

Step therapy applies if the drug has not been used in the past 365 days.

Drug Name
Abatacept (Orencia [®])
Ado-trastuzumab emtansine (Kadcyla [®])
Aflibercept (Eylea [®])
Atezolizumab (Tecentriq [®])
Axicabtagene ciloleucel (Yescarta [®])
Bevacizumab (Avastin [®] , Alymsys [®] , Mvasi [®] , Vegzelma [™] , Zirabev [™])
Brentuximab vedotin (Adcetris [®])
Brexucabtagene autoleucel (Tecartus [™])
Brolucizumab-dbll (Beovu [®])
Cemiplimab-rwlc (Libtayo [®])
Certolizumab (Cimzia [®])
Ciltacabtagene autoleucel (Carvykti [™])
Corticosteroid intravitreal implants: dexamethasone (Ozurdex [®]), fluocionolone acetonide (Iluvien [®] , Retisert [®] , Yutiq [™])
Corticotropin (H.P. Acthar [®])
Daratumumab (Darzalex [®]), daratumumab/ hyaluronidase-fihj (Darzalex Faspro [™])
Darbepoetin alfa (Aranesp [®])
Denosumab (Xgeva [®])
Durvalumab (Imfinzi [®])
Eflapegrastim-xnst (Rolvedon [™])
Elotuzumab (Empliciti [®])
Emapalumab-lzsg (Gamifant [™])
Epoetin alfa (Epogen [®] , Procrit [®])
Faricimab-svoa (Vabysmo [™])
Ferric carboxymaltose (Injectafer [®])
Ferric derisomaltose (Monoferric [®])
Ferric pyrophosphate (Triferic [®] , Triferic Avnu [®])
Ferumoxytol (Feraheme [®])

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Filgrastim (Neupogen [®] , Zarxio [®] , Nivestym [™] , Granix [®] , Releuko [®])
Golimumab (Simponi [®] , Simponi Aria [®])
Hyaluronate derivatives: sodium hyaluronate (Euflexxa [®] , Gelsyn-3 [™] , GenVisc [®] 850, Hyalgan [®] , Supartz FX [™] , Synojoynt [™] , Triluron [™] , TriVisc [™] , VISCO-3 [™]), hyaluronic acid (Durolane [®]), cross-linked hyaluronate (Gel-One [®]), hyaluronan (Hymovis [®] , Orthovisc [®] , Monovisc [®]), hylan polymers A and B (Synvisc [®] , Synvisc One [®])
Idecabtagene vicleucel (Abecma [™])
Immune globulins (Asceniv [™] , Bivigam [®] , Cutaquig [®] , Cuvitru [™] , Flebogamma [®] DIF, GamaSTAN [®] , GamaSTAN [®] S/D, Gammagard [®] liquid, Gammagard [®] S/D, Gammaked [™] , Gammaplex [®] , Gamunex [®] -C, Hizentra [®] , HyQvia [®] , Octagam [®] , Panzyga [®] , Privigen [®] , Xembify [®])
IncobotulinumtoxinA (Xeomin [®])
Infliximab (Remicade [®] , Avsola [™] , Renflexis [™] , Inflectra [®])
Lisocabtagene maraleucel (Breyanzi [®])
Lurbinectedin (Zepzelca [™])
Luspatercept-aamt (Reblozyl [®])
Lutetium Lu 177 dotatate (Lutathera [®])
Natalizumab (Tysabri [®])
Nivolumab (Opdivo [®])
Pegfilgrastim (Neulasta [®] , Fulphila [™] , Fylnetra [®] , Nyvepria [™] , Stimufend [®] , Udenyca [™] , Ziextenzo [™])
Pembrolizumab (Keytruda [®])
Polatuzumab vedotin-piiq (Polivy [™])
Ramucirumab (Cyramza [®])
Ranibizumab (Lucentis [®] , Byooviz [®] , Cimerli [™] , Susvimo [™])
RimabotulinumtoxinB (Myobloc [®])
Rituximab (Rituxan [®] , Riabni [™] , Ruxience [™] , Truxima [®]), rituximab/ hyaluronidase (Rituxan Hycela [™])
Romiplostim (Nplate [®])
Romosuzumab-aqqg (Evenity [™])
Sargramostim (Leukine [®])
Sipuleucel-T (Provenge [®])
Teprotumumab-trbw (Tepezza [™])
Tisagenlecleucel (Kymriah [®])
Tocilizumab (Actemra [®])
Trastuzumab (Herceptin [®] , Ontruzant [®] , Herzuma [®] , Ogivri [™] , Trazimera [™] , Kanjinti [™]), trastuzumab/hyaluronidase (Herceptin Hylecta [™])
Triamcinolone ER injection (Zilretta [®])
Triamcinolone acetonide suprachoroidal injection (Xipere [™])
Ustekinumab (Stelara [®])
Vedolizumab (Entyvio [®])
Verteporfin (Visudyne [®])