

Responsible Steps Program Information*

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[Link to Authorization Forms for all drugs in the Responsible Steps Program](#)
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(example for Beconase AQ, select the Nasal Steroids document)

Therapeutic Category	Drugs Included in Program (Target Drug)	Prerequisite Drugs
Allergy		
Nasal Steroids	Beconase AQ, Dymista, Flonase, Flunisolide, Nasacort AQ, Nasonex, Omnaris, Qnasl, Zetonna	Previous use of generic budesonide, fluticasone, mometasone or triamcinolone containing nasal spray
Anti-Infectives		
Oral Tetracycline Derivatives	Acticlate, Doryx, Doryx MPC, doxycycline single-source branded products, Doxycycline 40 mg capsule (authorized generic for Oracea) Doxycycline ER 80 mg capsule, Monodox, Oracea, Targadox, Vibramycin	Previous use of both generic doxycycline AND minocycline capsules or tablets
	Coremino, Minocin, minocycline extended-release (ER), minocycline single-source branded products, Minolira, Solodyn, Ximino	Previous use of both generic doxycycline AND minocycline capsules or tablets [minocycline ER is NOT a prerequisite]
	Seysara	Previous use of both generic doxycycline AND minocycline capsules or tablets
Anti-Rheumatics		
Methotrexate Injection	Otrexup, Rasuvo, Reditrex	Previous use of a generic methotrexate solution for injection
Central Nervous System		
Antidepressants	Aplenzin, Bupropion 450 mg XL (authorized generic for Forfivo XL), Celexa, Desvenlafaxine ER (authorized generic for Khedezla), Desvenlafaxine ER, Effexor XR, Fetzima, Fluoxetine 60 mg, Fluoxetine 90 mg weekly, Forfivo XL, Khedezla, Lexapro, Maprotiline, Paxil, Paxil CR, Pexeva, Pristiq, Prozac, Remeron, Remeron SolTab, Trintellix, Viibryd, Wellbutrin SR, Wellbutrin XL, Zoloft	Previous use of a generic version of ANY of the following: bupropion, citalopram, desvenlafaxine succinate ER (generic Pristiq), duloxetine, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, mirtazapine, paroxetine, sertraline, trazadone, venlafaxine, or venlafaxine ER

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Antidepressants	Cymbalta, Drizalma Sprinkle	Previous use of generic bupropion, citalopram, desvenlafaxine ER, duloxetine, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, mirtazapine, paroxetine, sertraline, trazodone, venlafaxine, or venlafaxine ER; OR (if for neuropathic pain) previous use of generic amitriptyline, desipramine, gabapentin, imipramine, or nortriptyline; OR (if for fibromyalgia) previous use of generic amitriptyline, cyclobenzaprine, desipramine, gabapentin, imipramine, nortriptyline, or tramadol; OR (if for chronic musculoskeletal pain) previous use of generic acetaminophen, amitriptyline, cyclobenzaprine, desipramine, gabapentin, imipramine, nortriptyline, NSAID (oral or topical), or tramadol
Atypical Antipsychotics	Abilify, Abilify MyCite, Caplyta, Fanapt, Geodon, Invega, Lybalvi, Risperdal, Risperdal M-Tab, Risperidone 0.25mg ODT, Saphris, Secuado, Seroquel, Seroquel XR, Symbyax, Versacloz, Vraylar, Zyprexa, Zyprexa Zydys	Previous use of two or more* generic versions of aripiprazole, clozapine, olanzapine, paliperidone, quetiapine, risperidone, or ziprasidone *Vraylar requires only one generic
Fibromyalgia Agents	Lyrica, Savella	Previous use* of a generic version of amitriptyline, cyclobenzaprine, desipramine, duloxetine, gabapentin, imipramine, nortriptyline, tramadol, or venlafaxine *Lyrica for treatment of a seizure disorder is excluded from the prerequisite drug requirement
Gabapentin Extended-Release (ER)	Gralise, Horizant	Previous use of generic gabapentin
Insomnia Agents	Ambien, Ambien CR, Belsomra, Dayvigo, Edluar, Intermezzo, Lunesta, Rozerem, Silenor, Zolpimist	Previous use of a generic non-benzodiazepine hypnotic such as eszopiclone, zaleplon, or zolpidem
Eye (Ophthalmic)		
Antiglaucoma Agents (Rho Kinase Inhibitors)	Rhopressa, Rocklatan	Previous use of a generic ophthalmic prostaglandin (e.g., latanoprost eye drops)

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Heart and Circulatory		
Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (ARB)/Renin Inhibitors	Atacand, Atacand HCT, Avapro, Avalide, Azor, Benicar, Benicar HCT, Cozaar, Diovan, Diovan HCT, Edarbi, Edarbyclor, Eprosartan, Exforge, Exforge HCT, Hyzaar, Micardis, Micardis HCT, Tribenzor, Twynsta	Previous use of ANY of the following generic angiotensin receptor blockers either alone or as a component of a combination product: candesartan, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, olmesartan, telmisartan, or valsartan
	Tekturna, Tekturna HCT	Previous use of ANY of the following either alone or as a component of a combination product: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generic angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEI) (e.g., benazepril, captopril, lisinopril, quinapril, ramipril) • generic angiotensin receptor blocker (e.g., candesartan, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, olmesartan, telmisartan, or valsartan) • generic renin inhibitor (e.g., aliskiren)
Fibrates	Antara, Fenofibrate capsule (authorized generic for Lipofen), Fenofibrate micronized capule (authorized generic for Antara), Fenofibric tablet (authorized generic for Fibricor), Fenoglide, Fibricor, Lipofen, Lipid, TriCor, Triglide, Trilipix	Previous use of generic fenofibrate or fenofibrate micronized
Statins	Altoprev, Crestor, Ezallor Sprinkle, Ezetimibe/Rosuvastatin (authorized generic for Roszet), Flolipid, Lescol XL, Lipitor, Livalo, Pravachol, Roszet, Simvastatin oral suspension 20 mg/5 ml (authorized generic for Flolipid), Vytorin, Zocor, Zypitamag	Previous use of any generic statin or statin combination
Gastrointestinal		
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Aciphex, Aciphex Sprinkle, Dexilant, esomeprazole strontium, Nexium, omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate capsule, omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate powder, Prevacid, Prevacid Solutab, Prilosec, Protonix, Rabeprazole (authorized generic for Aciphex sprinkle), Zegerid	Previous use of two or more generic versions of: esomeprazole, lansoprazole, omeprazole, pantoprazole, or rabeprazole Nexium granules is allowed for children <18 years
Hormones, Diabetes and Related		
Dipeptidyl-Peptidase 4 (DPP4) Inhibitors	Alogliptin (authorized generic for Nesina), Alogliptin/Metformin (authorized generic for Kazano), Alogliptin/Pioglitazone (authorized generic for Oseni), Janumet, Janumet XR, Januvia, Jentadueto, Jentadueto XR, Kazano, Kombiglyze XR, Nesina, Onglyza, Oseni, Tradjenta,	Current or previous use of brand or generic versions of insulin or metformin, alone or part of a combination product
Glucagon-Like Peptide 1 (GLP-1) Agonists	Adlyxin, Bydureon, Bydureon BCise, Byetta, Ozempic, Rybelsus, Trulicity, Victoza	Current or previous use of brand or generic versions of insulin or metformin, alone or part of a combination product

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Glucose Monitor	Freestyle Libre and Freestyle Libre 2 Systems (reader and sensor)	Current use of rapid- or short-acting insulin
Insulin Combinations	Soliqua, Xultophy	Current or previous use of brand or generic versions of insulin or metformin, alone or part of a combination product
Sodium-Glucose Co-Transport 2 (SGLT-2) Inhibitors	Glyxambi, Invokamet, Invokamet XR, Invokana, Qtern, Segluromet, Steglatro, Steglujan, Synjardy, Synjardy XR, Trijardy XR, Xigduo XR	Current or previous use of brand or generic versions of insulin or metformin, alone or part of a combination product
	Farxiga, Jardiance	Current or previous use of brand or generic versions of insulin, metformin, ACE inhibitor, angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB), angiotensin receptor-neprilysin inhibitor (ANRI) (e.g., Entresto), If channel inhibitor (e.g., Corlanor), aldosterone antagonist, beta blocker, isosorbide dinitrate, or hydralazine alone or part of a combination product
Pain Relief		
Diclofenac Products	Cambia, Diclofenac capsule (authorized generic for Zorvolex), Diclofenac 1.3% patch (authorized generic for Flector patch), diclofenac sodium 1.5% topical solution, Flector, Licart patch, Pennsaid, Zipsor, Zorvolex	All oral brands: Previous use of generic oral diclofenac Solaraze only: previous use of BOTH generic fluorouracil cream AND imiquimod cream
Renal Drugs		
Phosphate Binders	Fosrenol, lanthanum carbonate, Renagel, Renvela, Sevelamer, Velphoro	Previous use of a non-targeted generic phosphate binder such as calcium acetate, calcium carbonate, calcium carbonate-magnesium acetate, or sevelamer carbonate
	Auryxia	Previous use of EITHER an iron supplement, OR a non-targeted generic calcium-containing phosphate binder such as calcium acetate, calcium carbonate, or calcium carbonate-magnesium acetate, or sevelamer carbonate
Topical Drugs		
Atopic Dermatitis Agents	Elidel cream, Eucrisa ointment, pimecrolimus cream, Protopic ointment, tacrolimus ointment	Previous use of a topical corticosteroid or topical corticosteroid combination product including but not limited to ANY of the following products: betamethasone, clobetasol, desonide, desoximetasone, fluocinolone, fluocinonide, hydrocortisone, triamcinolone, diflorasone, or mometasone.

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Topical Corticosteroids	<p><u>Super-High Potency (Group 1)</u> Betamethasone dipropionate (augmented) 0.05% gel, Bryhali 0.01% lotion, Clobex 0.05% lotion/shampoo/spray, Cordran 4 mcg/cm² tape, Diprolene 0.05% ointment, Halobetasol 0.05% foam (authorized generic for Lexette foam) Impeklo 0.05% lotion, Lexette 0.05% foam, Olux 0.05% foam, Olux E 0.05% emulsion foam, Temovate 0.05% cream/ointment, Ultravate 0.05% lotion, Vanos 0.1% cream</p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of ANY of the following: betamethasone dipropionate (augmented) 0.05% gel/lotion/ointment, clobetasol propionate 0.05% cream/foam/gel/lotion/ointment/shampoo/solution/spray, fluocinonide 0.1% cream, halobetasol propionate 0.05% cream/foam/lotion/ointment halobetasol propionate 0.01% lotion</p>
	<p><u>High Potency (Group 2)</u> Amcinonide 0.1% ointment, ApexiCon E 0.05% emollient cream, Diprolene AF 0.05% cream, Halog 0.1% cream/ointment/solution, Impozy 0.025% cream, Topicort 0.05% gel, Topicort 0.25% cream/ointment/spray</p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of ANY of the following: amcinonide 0.1% ointment, betamethasone dipropionate (augmented) 0.05% cream, betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% ointment, clobetasol propionate 0.025% cream, desoximetasone 0.25% cream/ointment/spray, desoximetasone 0.05% gel, diflorasone diacetate 0.05% cream/ointment, fluocinonide 0.05% cream/gel/ointment/solution, halcinonide 0.1% cream/ointment,</p>
	<p><u>Medium-High Potency (Group 3)</u> amcinonide 0.1% cream/lotion, Diflorasone 0.05% cream, Luxiq 0.12% foam, Psorcon 0.05% cream, Topicort 0.05% cream/ointment</p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of ANY of the following: amcinonide 0.1% cream/lotion, betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% cream, betamethasone valerate 0.1% ointment, betamethasone valerate 0.12% foam, desoximetasone 0.05% cream/ointment, diflorasone diacetate 0.05% cream, fluocinonide 0.05% emulsified base cream, fluticasone 0.005% propionate ointment, mometasone furoate 0.1% ointment, triamcinolone acetonide 0.5% cream/ointment</p>

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Topical Corticosteroids	<p><u>Medium Potency (Group 4)</u> Clocortolone 0.1% cream (authorized generic for Cloderm) Cloderm 0.1% cream, Cordran 0.05% ointment, Elocon 0.1% cream, Kenalog 0.147 mg/gm spray, Sernivo 0.05% spray, Synalar 0.025% ointment</p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of ANY of the following: betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% spray, fluocinolone acetonide 0.025% ointment, fluocinolone acetonide 0.1% cream, flurandrenolide 0.05% ointment, hydrocortisone valerate 0.2% ointment, mometasone furoate 0.1% cream/lotion/solution, triamcinolone acetonide 0.147 mg/g spray, triamcinolone acetonide 0.1% cream/ointment</p>
	<p><u>Lower-Mid Potency (Group 5)</u> Cordran 0.025% cream, Cordran 0.05% cream/lotion, Cutivate 0.05% lotion, Desonate 0.05% gel, HC Butyrate 0.1% solution/cream, Locoid 0.1% cream/lotion/solution, Locoid Lipocream 0.1% cream, Pandel 0.15% cream, Prednicarbate 0.1% cream/ointment, Synalar 0.025% cream,</p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of ANY of the following: betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% lotion, betamethasone valerate 0.1% cream, desonide 0.05% gel/ointment, fluocinolone acetonide 0.025% cream, flurandrenolide 0.025% cream, flurandrenolide 0.05% cream/lotion, fluticasone propionate 0.05% cream/lotion, hydrocortisone butyrate 0.1% cream/lotion/ointment/solution, hydrocortisone probutate 0.1% cream, hydrocortisone valerate 0.2% cream, prednicarbate 0.1% cream/ointment, triamcinolone acetonide 0.1% lotion, triamcinolone acetonide 0.025% ointment, triamcinolone acetonide 0.05% ointment</p>
	<p><u>Low Potency (Group 6)</u> Capex 0.01% shampoo, Derma-Smoothe 0.01% body oil/scalp oil, DesOwen 0.05% cream, Synalar 0.1% solution, Tridesilon 0.05% cream, Verdeso 0.05% foam</p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of ANY of the following: alclometasone dipropionate 0.05% cream/ointment, betamethasone valerate 0.1% lotion, desonide 0.05% cream/foam/lotion, fluocinolone acetonide 0.01% cream/oil/shampoo/solution, triamcinolone acetonide 0.025% cream/lotion</p>
	<p><u>Lowest Potency (Group 7)</u> Ala Scalp 2% lotion, Texacort 2.5% solution</p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of ANY of the following: hydrocortisone 0.5% to 2.5%, hydrocortisone acetate 0.5% to 2.5%</p>

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