



Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services Drug Review and Options for Consideration

The following tables list the Agenda items as well as the Options for Consideration that are scheduled to be presented and reviewed at the **March 19, 2020** meeting of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Advisory Committee.

Single Agent Reviews	Options for Consideration			
New Product to Market: Aklief®	Non-prefer in the PDL class: Topical Acne Agents (Acne Agents, Topical) Length of Authorization: 1 year Aklief® (trifarotene) is a retinoid indicated for the topical treatment of acne vulgaris in patients 9 years of age and older. Criteria for Approval: Diagnosis of acne vulgaris; AND Trial and failure of, or contraindication to, all preferred agents. Age Limit: ≥ 9 years			
New Product to Market:	Non-prefer in the PDL class: Anticonvulsants: First Generation (Anticonvulsants)			
Nayzilam®	Length of Authorization: 1 year			
	• Nayzilam® (midazolam) nasal spray, a benzodiazepine, is indicated for the acute treatment of intermittent, stereotypic episodes of frequent seizure activity (e.g., seizure clusters, acute repetitive seizures) that are distinct from a patient's usual seizure pattern in patients ≥ 12 years old with epilepsy.			
	Criteria for Approval:			
	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a neurologist or epilepsy specialist; AND			
	Diagnosis of intermittent, stereotypic episodes of frequent seizure activity; AND			
	Patient is on a stable antiepileptic drug regimen; AND			
	Prescriber attestation that patient or caregiver has been counseled on proper identification of a seizure cluster; AND			
	Prescriber attestation that patient or caregiver has been counseled on proper administration and when to seek emergency medical treatment.			
	Renewal Criteria:			
	Prescriber attestation of efficacy (e.g., decreased length of seizure episodes).			
	Age Limit: ≥ 12 years			
	Quantity Limit: 5 boxes (10 nasal spray units)/30 days			
New Product to Market:				
Nourianz™	Length of Authorization: 1 year			
	• Nourianz [™] (istradefylline) is an adenosine A2A receptor antagonist approved as adjunctive treatment to levodopa/carbidopa (LD/CD) in adults with Parkinson's disease (PD) experiencing "off" episodes.			
	Criteria for Approval:			
	Diagnosis of Parkinson's disease (PD); AND			
	Receiving PD therapy with carbidopa/levodopa; AND			

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	• Experiencing "off" episodes with carbidopa/levodopa; AND	
	• Trial and failure of at least 2 adjunctive therapies, such as:	
	o Dopamine agonists (e.g., pramipexole, ropinirole);	
	o Monoamine oxidase-B inhibitors (e.g., selegiline)	
	o Catechol-O-methyltransferase inhibitors (e.g., entacapone); AND	
	NONE of the following contraindications:	
	o Severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C); OR	
	o End-stage renal disease, including dialysis; OR	
	o Pregnant; OR	
	o Major psychiatric disorder.	
	Renewal Criteria:	
	• Patient has clinically meaningful response to treatment (e.g., patient shows a reductions in time of "off" episodes.)	
	Age Limit: ≥ 18 years	
	Quantity Limit: 1 per day	
New Product to Market:	Non-prefer in the PDL class: Erythropoiesis Stimulating Proteins	
Reblozyl®	Length of Authorization: 1 year	
	Reblozyl® (luspatercept-aamt) is indicated for the treatment of anemia in	
	adult patients with beta thalassemia who require regular red blood cell (RBC) transfusions.	
	Criteria for Approval:	
	Diagnosis of beta thalassemia requiring regular red blood cell (RBC) transfusions.	
	Renewal Criteria:	
	Attestation of a reduction in transfusion burden or other clinical benefit.	
	Age Limit: ≥ 18 years	
New Product to Market: Brukinsa™	Non-prefer in the PDL class: Oral Oncology, Hematologic (Oncology, Oral – Hematologic)	
	Length of Authorization: 1 year	
	 Brukinsa™ (zanubrutinib) is a small molecule Bruton's tyrosine kinase (BTK) inhibitor indicated for the treatment of adult patients with mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) who have received at least one prior therapy. 	
	Criteria for Approval:	
	Diagnosis of mantle cell lymphoma; AND	
	 Patient has received ≥ 1 prior therapy; AND 	
	Patient has NOT received prior treatment with another BTK-inhibitor (e.g.,	
	ibrutinib, acalabrutinib); AND	
	Drug will be used as monotherapy.	
	Renewal Criteria:	
	• Evidence, such as progress report, of disease response (e.g., lack of progression or decrease in tumor size and spread).	
	Age Limit: ≥ 18 years	
	Quantity Limit: 4 per day	



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New Product to Market:	Non-prefer in the PDL class: Narcolepsy Agents (Stimulants and Related Agents)		
Wakix®	Length of Authorization: 1 year		
	• Wakix® (pitolisant) a histamine-3 (H3) receptor antagonist/inverse agonist, is indicated for the treatment of excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) in adult patients with narcolepsy.		
	Criteria for Approval:		
	Diagnosis of excessive daytime sleepiness associated with narcolepsy; AND		
	Prescriber is a neurologist, sleep medicine, or other specialist in the treatment of narcolepsy; AND		
	• Trial and failure/intolerance of, contraindication to, a preferred agent (e.g., modafanil); trial can be waived if member has a history of substance abuse.		
	Age Limit: ≥ 18 years		
	Quantity Limit: 2 per day		



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Antibiotics, GI	Antibiotics: GI		
(Antibiotics: GI)	 DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation; however, at least 2 unique chemical entities should be preferred. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and require PA. For any new chemical entity in the <i>Antibiotics: GI</i> class, require PA until 		
	reviewed by the P&T Advisory Committee.		
Antivirals, Oral (Antivirals: Herpes; Antivirals: Influenza)	 Antivirals: Herpes DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation; however, at least 3 unique chemical entities should be preferred. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and require PA. For any new chemical entity in the <i>Antivirals: Herpes</i> class, require PA until reviewed by the P&T Advisory Committee. 		
	 Antivirals: Influenza DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation; however, at least 1 unique chemical entity should be preferred. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and require PA. For any new chemical entity in the <i>Antivirals: Influenza</i> class, require PA until reviewed by the P&T Advisory Committee. 		
Cephalosporins and Antibiotics: Cephalosporins 1st Generation			
Cephalosporms and Related Antibiotics (Antibiotics: Cephalosporins 1st Generation; Antibiotics: Cephalosporins 2nd	 DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation; however, at least 2 unique chemical entities should be preferred. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and will require PA. For any new chemical entity in the Antibiotics: Cephalosporins 1st Generation class, require PA until reviewed by the P&T Advisory Committee. 		
Generation; Antibiotics: Cephalosporins 3 rd Generation)	 Antibiotics: Cephalosporins 2nd Generation DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation; however, at least 2 unique chemical entities should be preferred. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and will require PA. For any new chemical entity in the Antibiotics: Cephalosporins 2nd Generation class, require PA until reviewed by the P&T Advisory Committee. 		
	 Antibiotics: Cephalosporins 3rd Generation DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation; however, at least 1 unique chemical entity should be preferred. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and will require PA. For any new chemical entity in the Antibiotics: Cephalosporins 3rd Generation class, require PA until reviewed by the P&T Advisory Committee. 		



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Glucocorticoids, Inhaled (Beta Agonists:	 Beta Agonists: Combination Products DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation; however, at least 2 unique combinations should be preferred. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and require PA. 		
Combination Products; Inhaled Corticosteroids)	• For any new chemical entity in the <i>Beta Agonists: Combination Products</i> class, require PA until reviewed by the P&T Advisory Committee.		
	 Inhaled Corticosteroids DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation; however, at least 2 unique chemical entities should be preferred. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and require PA. For any new chemical entity in the <i>Inhaled Corticosteroids</i> class, require PA 		
	until reviewed by the P&T Advisory Committee.		
Hepatitis C Agents (Hepatitis C: Direct-Acting Antiviral Agents; Hepatitis C: Interferons; Hepatitis C: Ribavirins)	 Hepatitis C: Direct-Acting Antiviral Agents DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation; however, at least 1 first-line treatment regimen should be preferred. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and require PA. For any new chemical entity in the Hepatitis C: Direct-Acting Antiviral 		
	 Class Criteria review: Current criteria: Prescriber restrictions (specialist or KHAMP training) apply for all requests. HCV genotype testing is required for all cases. 		
	 Recommended criteria: No prescriber restrictions for PA requests that fall under simplified treatment (adult, treatment-naïve, and no cirrhosis) and the request is for 8 weeks of Mavyret (glecaprevir/pibrentasvir). HCV genotype testing is no longer required for PA approval when Mavyret is requested. A gastroenterologist, hepatologist, infectious disease, or transplant specialist must prescribe under any of the following patient circumstances: Prior hepatitis C treatment Cirrhosis End-stage renal disease (i.e., eGFR <30 mL/min/m²) HIV or HBsAg positive Current pregnancy Known or suspected hepatocellular carcinoma Prior liver transplantation Hepatitis C: Interferons 		
	 DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and require PA. 		



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	• For any new chemical entity in the <i>Hepatitis C: Interferons</i> class, require PA until reviewed by the P&T Advisory Committee.
HIV/AIDS (Antiretrovirals: HIV/AIDS)	 Hepatitis C: Ribavirins DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation; however, at least generic ribavirin tablets should be preferred. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and require PA. For any new chemical entity in the Hepatitis C: Ribavirins class, require PA until reviewed by the P&T Advisory Committee. Antiretrovirals: HIV/AIDS DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation; however, all first-line treatment regimens should be preferred. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and will
	 For any new chemical entity in the Antiretrovirals: HIV/AIDS class, require PA until reviewed by the P&T Advisory Committee. Clinical Criteria Review: Descovy (emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide) Current criteria: Prior authorization (PA) is not required. Recommended criteria: Approve for 1 year when used for treatment of HIV-1 infection; OR Approve for 3 months when used for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and ALL of the following are true: Prescriber submits PA request; AND Member is NOT a recipient of vaginal sex (not FDA-approved in this population); AND Negative HIV-1 test immediately prior to initiating Descovy and at least every 3 months.
Hypoglycemics, Incretin Mimetics/ Enhancers	 Diabetes: Amylin Analogue DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and will require PA.
(Diabetes: Amylin Analogue; Diabetes: DPP-4 Inhibitors;	• For any new chemical entity in the <i>Diabetes: Amylin Analogue</i> class, require PA until reviewed by the P&T Advisory Committee.
Diabetes: GLP-1 Receptor Agonists)	 Diabetes: DPP-4 Inhibitors DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation; however, at least 2 unique chemical entities should be preferred. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and will require PA. For any new chemical entity in the <i>Diabetes: DPP-4 Inhibitors</i> class, require PA until reviewed by the P&T Advisory Committee. Diabetes: GLP-1 Receptor Agonists



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	 DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation; however, at least 1 unique chemical entity should be preferred. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and will require PA. For any new chemical entity in the <i>Diabetes: GLP-1 Receptor Agonists</i> class, require PA until reviewed by the P&T Advisory Committee. Clinical Criteria Review: Soliqua (insulin glargine/lixisenatide) and Xultophy (insulin degludec/liraglutide) Current criteria: Requires trial of the specific GLP-1 agonist in the requested formulation. For example, a patient must try and fail Adlyxin (lixisenatide) in
	order to access Soliqua. Recommended criteria: Trial and failure (e.g., A1c not at goal) of any GLP-1 agonist alone or in combination with other agents; AND Trial and failure of any basal (long-acting) insulin alone or in combination with other agents; AND Not to be used in combination with another GLP-1 agonist (e.g., semaglutide).
Hypoglycemics, Insulin and Related Agents	 Diabetes: Injectable Insulins DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation; however, at least 1 insulin of each type (short, intermediate, long) should be preferred. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and require
(Diabetes: Injectable Insulins)	PA. • For any new chemical entity in the <i>Diabetes: Injectable Insulins</i> class, require PA until reviewed by the P&T Advisory Committee.
Pleuromutulins	Antibiotics: Pleuromutulins
(Antibiotics: Pleuromutulins)	 DMS to select preferred agent(s) based on economic evaluation. Agents not selected as preferred will be considered non-preferred and require PA. For any new chemical entity in the <i>Antibiotics: Pleuromutulins</i> class, require PA until reviewed by the P&T Advisory Committee.
	New agent in the class: Xenleta (lefamulin) Non-prefer in this PDL class. Length of Authorization: Date of service only • Xenleta™ (lefamulin), a pleuromutilin antibacterial, is indicated for the treatment of adults with community-acquired bacterial pneumonia (CABP) caused by susceptible microorganisms. Criteria for Approval: • Diagnosis of community-acquired bacterial pneumonia (CABP) thought to be caused by a susceptible organism*; AND
	 Patient is not a candidate or has failed treatment with ≥ 2 preferred first-line options for CABP; AND If continuing an inpatient/hospital treatment course, prescriber attests that it would be clinically inappropriate to deescalate therapy or use alternative



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	therapy based on susceptibility results or lack of susceptibility results in conjunction with clinical picture; AND		
	 Oral treatment duration will not exceed 5 days. Age Limit: ≥ 18 years 		
	Quantity Limit: 2 per day and 10 tablets per fill		
	*Susceptible organisms include: Streptococcus pneumoniae, Staphylococcus aureus (methicillin-susceptible isolates), Haemophilus influenzae, Legionella pneumophila, Mycoplasma pneumoniae, and Chlamydophila pneumoniae.		

	Consent Agenda		Options for Consideration	
	For the following therapeutic classes, there are no recommended changes to the currently posted Preferred Drug List (PDL) status ; these may be voted on as a group:			
•	Absorbable Sulfonamides	•	Hypoglycemics, Meglitinides	
•	Antibiotics, Inhaled	•	Hypoglycemics, Metformins	
•	Antibiotics, Vaginal	•	Hypoglycemics, SGLT2	
•	Antifungals, Oral	•	Hypoglycemics, Sulfonylureas	
•	Antihistamines, Minimally Sedating	•	Hypoglycemics, Thiazolidinediones (TZD)	
•	Bronchodilators, Beta Agonist	•	Intranasal Rhinitis Agents	
•	COPD Agents	•	Leukotriene Modifiers	
•	Epinephrine, Self-Injected	•	Macrolides	
•	Fluoroquinolones, Oral	•	Oxazolidenediones	
•	Hepatitis B Agents	•	Penicillins	
•	Hypoglycemics, Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors	•	Tetracyclines	

