



Medicare Part B Drug Step Therapy List

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Medicare Part B Step Therapy is a program designed to ensure that you receive effective and cost-efficient medications covered by your plan. It works by starting your treatment with a specific medication that's been chosen by your insurance provider as the first option. This initial medication is often a lower-cost or preferred drug.

Medicare Part B covers some drugs such as injections you receive in a doctor's office, some oral anti-cancer drugs, medications used with durable medical equipment, immunosuppressant drugs, among others. In some cases, the plan requires a Step therapy to cover some Part B medications.

What does Step Therapy mean?

Step therapy is a utilization tool that requires you to first try another drug to treat your medical condition before we cover the drug that is not preferred. Trying a different drug first encourages you to try a less costly, but just as effective drug before the plan covers another drug. For example, if Drug A and Drug B treat the same medical condition and Drug A is less costly, the plan may require you to try Drug A first. If Drug A does not work for you, the plan will then cover Drug B.

Drug Class / Indication(s)	Preferred Drug(s)	Non-Preferred Drug(s)
Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Inhibitor (ophthalmic)	- Byooviz - Lucentis - Eylea	- Cimerli - Beovu - Vabysmo
Long-Acting Colony Stimulating Factor	- Fulphila - Fynetra	- Neulasta - Nyvepria - Udenyca
Short Acting Colony Stimulating Factor	- Nivestym	- Neupogen - Granix - Zarxio
Botulinum Toxin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cervical Dystonia • Upper limb spasticity • Lower limb spasticity 	- Dysport - Xeomin	- Botox - Myobloc
Botulinum Toxin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blepharospasm • Chronic Sialorrhea 	- Xeomin	
Botulinum Toxin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overtactive bladder • Migraine Headache 	- Botox	



Bone Resorption Inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Osteoporosis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zolendronic Acid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prolia - Evenity
Bone Resorption Inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypercalcemia of malignancy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zolendronic Acid - Pamidronate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Xgeva
Hyaluronic Acid Polymers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hyalgan - Supartz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Euflexxa - Orthovisc - Synvisc
IVIg (Intravenous immunoglobulin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Immunodeficiency • Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia purpura • Chronic Inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Octagam - Gammunex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panzyga - Gammaplex - Gammagard
SCIG (Subcutaneous immunoglobulin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Immunodeficiency • Chronic Inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hizentra 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gammagard - Xembify
Herceptin (Oncology)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ontruzant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Herzuma - Herceptin

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For specific medical indications subject to step therapy, more recent information or other questions, please contact Leon Health Member Services Department at 844-9-MY-LEON (1-844-969-5366) or local at 305-541-LEON (305-541-5366). TTY users should call 711. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week from October 1st through March 31st and Monday through Friday from April 1st through September 30th.