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NC Medicaid Preferred Drug List Formulary Changes



The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services established the NC Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) to allow NC Medicaid to ensure access to cost-efficient, medically appropriate drug therapies that maximize patient health outcomes for all beneficiaries. PDL updates occur quarterly. For more information about formulary changes, call Vaya Health's Pharmacy Service Line at 1-800-540-6083, available 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday.

To access the current PDL, visit the [NC Medicaid Preferred Drug List](#) webpage.

In addition to the changes listed below, NC Medicaid may implement off-cycle changes to the PDL due to changes in market availability or manufacturer participation in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program. For more information about the NC Medicaid process for administering and reviewing the PDL, visit the [Preferred Drug List Review Panel](#) webpage.

CHANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

- New additions to the preferred formulary:
 - Erzofri (paliperidone palmitate)
- New additions to the non-preferred formulary:
 - Tramadol 75 mg tablet
 - Opienza (aripiprazole) ODT
 - Sacubitril/valsartan tablet
 - Verapamil SR capsule
 - Edaravone vial
 - Exenatide pen
 - Timolol solution
 - Ohtuvayre (ensifentrine) solution
 - Twyneo (tretinoin and benzoyl peroxide) cream
 - Aklied (trifarotene) cream
 - Elimite (permethrin) cream
 - Ebglyss (lebrikizumab-ibkz) injection
 - Nemludio (nemolizumab-ilto) injection
 - Simlandi (adalimumab-ryvk) injection
 - Neffy (epinephrine) nasal spray
- Preferred/non-preferred changes:
 - Banzel to non-preferred; rufinamide to preferred
 - Humalog 75/25 to non-preferred; insulin lispro protamine 75/25 to preferred
 - DermaSmothe FS Scalp and Body Oil to non-preferred; fluocinolone body and scalp oil to preferred