



Pequot Health Care Steps Program*

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*Enrollment in Steps program varies on health plan sponsor. Member benefits and client contract will prevail. If you have questions or need further assistance after consulting this table, call our Pharmacy Benefits number or the number on the back of your insurance card. Providers call 888-779-6638 for Authorization Form.

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Refer to Performance Drug List to determine coverage status of drugs in the program. Certain drugs may be excluded from coverage from certain members. Please check member benefit documentation to

Therapeutic Category	Drugs Included in Program (Target Drugs)	Prerequisite Drugs
ALLERGY		
Antihistamine	Clarinet, Clarinet-D, Xyzal	Previous use of one of the following generics either alone or as a component of a combination product: fexofenadine, levocetirizine, loratadine or cetirizine
Eye Drops	Acular and Acular LS (brand), Acuvail, Alocril, Alomide, Bepreve, Lastacraft, Zerviate (brand)	azelastine, cromolyn sodium, epinastine, ketotifen (rx-only), ketorolac 0.4% and 0.5%, olopatadine 0.1%
Allergy Reaction	AuviQ	EpiPen
Inhaled Nasal Steroids	Beconase AQ, Nasonex, Omnaris, Qnasl, Xhance, Zetonna	Previous use of the following generic: fluticasone nasal inhaler
ANTI-INFECTIVE		
Tetracyclines	Doryx, Oracea, Vibramycin, Seysara, Doryx MPC	Previous use of generic tablet or capsules of one of the following: doxycycline monohydrate or doxycycline hyclate
	minocycline ER, Solodyn, Ximino, Minolira, Seysara	Previous use of generic minocycline immediate-release capsules or tablets
Solosec	Solosec	metronidazole tablets, tinidazole tablets, metronidazole/vandazole 0.75% vaginal gel
CARDIOVASCULAR		
Beta Blockers	Betapace and Betapace AF (brand), Bystolic, Coreg and Coreg CR (brand), Corgard (brand), Inderal LA and XL (brand), Innopran XL, Kapsargo, Lopressor (brand), Tenormin (brand), Toprol XL (brand)	previous use of two of the following agents: acebutolol, atenolol, betaxolol, bisoprolol, carvedilol, carvedilol ER, labetalol, metoprolol tartrate, metoprolol succinate, nadolol, pindolol, propranolol, propranolol ER, sotolol, sotolol AF, timolol tablets
Hypertension	Avalide/Avapro (Brands), Atacand/Atacand HCT (Brands), Azor (brand & generic), Benicar/Benicar HCT (brand & generic), Edarbi/Edarbyclor (brands), Diovan/Diovan HCT (brands), Exforge/Exforge HCT (brand & generic), Micardis/Micardis HCT (brands), Tekturna/Tekturna HCT (brand & generic), Tribenzor (brand & generic)	Previous use of at least one of the following: Candesartan, candesartan/hctz, eprosartan, eprostartan/hctz, irbesartan, irbesartan/hctz, losartan, losartan HCT, telmisartan, telmisartan/hctz, valsartan, valsartan/hctz
	Conjupri	amlodipine tablets
	Prestalia	Previous use of generic amlodipine PLUS at least one generic ACE-inhibitor OR ARB; may use one combination ACE-inhibitor or ARB product containing amlodipine
Heart Failure	Entresto	Previous use of the generic or brand name at least one of the following products or combinations thereof: amlodipine/valsartan, amlodipine/valsartan/hctz, amlodipine/benzapril, benazepril, benazepril HCT, candesartan, candesartan/hctz, captopril, captopril HCT, enalapril, enalapril HCT, eprosartan, fosinopril, fosinopril HCT, lisinopril, lisinopril HCT, irbesartan, irbesartan/hctz, lisinopril, losartan, losartan HCT, moexipril, moexipril HCT, perindopril, quinapril, quinapril HCT, ramipril, telmisartan, telmisartan/hctz, trandolapril, valsartan, valsartan/hctz, Diovan/Diovan HCT, Exforge/Exforge HCT, Micardis/Micardis HCT, Azor, Benicar/Benicar HCT, Tribenzor, Tekturna/Tekturna HCT, Avalide/Avapro, Atacand/Atacand HCT, Amturnide, Twynsta, Teveten/Teveten HCT

THERAPEUTIC CATEGORY	DRUGS INCLUDED IN PROGRAM (TARGET DRUGS)	PREREQUISITE DRUGS
CARDIOVASCULAR(cont)		
Lipid Management	Altoprev, Crestor, Ezallor Sprinkles, Lescol, Lescol XL, Lipitor, Livalo, Vytorin, Zocor	Previous use of one of the following generics: atorvastatin, fluvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, simvastatin, rosuvastatin
	Antara, Fenoglide, Fibricor, Lipofen, Tricor, Trilipix	Previous use of one of the following generics: gemfibrozil, fenofibrate, fenofibrate micronized, fenofibric acid
	Zetia	Concurrent use of any of the following: Lovastatin, pravastatin, simvastatin, Advicor, Altoprev, Crestor, Lipitor, Mevacor, Pravachol, Simcor, Vytorin, Zocor, fenofibrate, Antara, Fenofibric Acid, Fenoglide, Fibricor, Lipofen, Lofibra, Lopid, Tricor, Triglide, Trilipix
Diuretic	Soaanz	Previous use of generic torsemide
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM		
Anti-seizure	Xcopri, Primidone 125mg	Carbamazepine, gabapentin, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, oxcarbazepine, phenobarbital, phenytoin, pregabalin, tiagabine, topiramate, valproic acid, zonisamide
ADHD	Brand names: Adderall, Adderall XR, Adhansia XR, Azstarys, Daytrana, Focalin XR, Intuniv, Kapvay, Mydayis, Ritalin, Ritalin LA, Ritalin SR, Strattera, Vyvanse, Zendedi, Dynavel, Methylphenid	Previous use of any of the following generics: amphetamine/Dextroamphetamine SR, Dexmethylphenidate tablet and SR capsules, methylphenidate CR capsules, methylphenidate SA capsules, methylphenidate SA tablets, guanfacine IR tablets, clonidine IR tablets, clonidine ER, guanfacine ER tablet, methylphenidate IR tablet, methylphenidate IR syrup, amphetamine salts IR, dextroamphetamine IR, dextroamphetamine ER, atomoxetine
Dementia	Namzaric	Donepezil, memantine
Depression	Fetzima, Forfivo XL, Pexeva, Pristiq, Trintellix, Venlafaxine ER tabs, Viibryd	Previous use of any of the following: bupropion, citalopram, duloxetine, desvenlafaxine ER, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, mirtazapine, paroxetine, paroxetine extended-release, sertraline, venlafaxine, venlafaxine ER capsule or trazodone
Fibromyalgia	Cymbalta	Previous use of duloxetine
	Lyrica, Lyrica CR	Previous use of any of the following generics: amitriptyline, cyclobenzaprine, desipramine, duloxetine, imipramine, gabapentin, nortriptyline, tramadol, or anticonvulsants
	Savella	Previous use of any of the following generics: amitriptyline, cyclobenzaprine, desipramine, duloxetine, imipramine, gabapentin, nortriptyline, tramadol, or anticonvulsants and Lyrica or Lyrica CR
Gabapentin ER	Gralise, Horizant	Previous use of gabapentin
Insomnia	Brand names: Belsomra, Edluar, Intermezzo, Lunesta Rozerem, Silenor, Zolpimist, Dayvigo, zolpidem capsules	Previous use of any of the following generics: eszopiclone, zaleplon, zolpidem, zolpidem ER
Atypical Antipsychotics	Adasuve, Fanapt, Latuda, Rexulti, Saphris, Secuado, Vraylar, Abilify (BRAND), Zyprexa (BRAND), Invega (BRAND), Seroquel (BRAND), Seroquel XR (BRAND), Risperdal (BRAND), Geodon (BRAND), Clozaril (BRAND), Caplyta, Igalmi, quetiapine 150mg	Previous use of any of the following: aripiprazole, clozapine, haloperidol, loxapine, olanzapine, paliperidone, quetiapine xr, risperidone, ziprasidone
GASTROINTESTINAL		
Ulcer/GERD	Aciphex, Dexilant, Nexium, Prevacid, Prilosec, Protonix	esomeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, omeprazole NP status [OTC], omeprazole products, omeprazole and sodium bicarbonate
Ortikos	Ortikos	budesonide DR capsule
Ulcerative Colitis	Uceris	oral prednisone AND one of the following: lialda, apriso, pentasa, sulfasalazine, balsalazide, mesalamine tabs, mesalamine rectal suspension, canasa
GLAUCOMA		
Ophthalmic Prostaglandins	Lumigan, Travatan Z, Vyzulta, Xalatan (brand only), Zioptan, Xelpros, Rocklatan, Iyuzeh	latanoprost 0.005%, bimatoprost 0.03%
GENITOURINARY		
Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy	Avodart (Brand), Jalyn, Proscar	Previous use of finasteride or dutasteride

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Over-active Bladder	Detrol and Detrol LA (brand), Ditropan and Ditropan XL (brand), Gelnique, Gemtesa, Myrbetriq, Oxytrol, Toviaz, Vesicare (brand and generic), Oxybutynin Chloride TD 10% gel	oxybutynin, oxybutynin ER, Trospium, Trospium ER, tolterodine, tolterodine ER
Erectile Dysfunction	Viagra (brand), Cialis 10mg and 20mg only (brand & generic), Stendra	Previous use of Sildenafil 25mg, 50mg or 100mg
GOUT		
Gout	Uloric	allopurinol
	Zurampic	concurrent use of any of the following products: allopurinol or Uloric
HORMONES, DIABETES, RELATED		
Diabetes	Actos, ActoPlus Met, ActoPlus Met XR, Duetact	Current or previous use of any of the following products or combinations thereof: Metformin
	Avandia, Avandamet, Avandaryl	Current or previous use of any of the following products or combinations thereof: Metformin
	Biguanides (brand name): Glucophage, Glucophage XR, Fortamet ER	Previous use of metformin extended-release
	DPP-4 inhibitors: Januvia, Janumet, Janumet XR	Previous use of one of the following generics: metformin, metformin ER
	SGLT-2 inhibitors: Invokana, Invokamet, Invokamet XR, Farxiga, Jardiance, Segluromet, Steglatro, Synjardy, Xigduo XR, Inpefa, Brenzavvy	Current or previous use of any of the following products or combinations thereof: metformin, metformin ER
	SGLT-2 inhibitor / DPP-4 inhibitor combinations: Glyxambi, Qtern, Steglujan, Trijardy XR	Current or previous use of any of the following products: metformin or glipizide then a DPP-4 or an SGLT2
	Long-acting insulin: Basaglar, Basaglar Tempo, Rezvoglar	Previous use of Lantus
	Combination long-acting insulin: Soliqua, Xultophy	Current or previous use of: metformin, metformin ER
Osteoporosis	Actonel (Brand), Actonel with Calcium, Boniva (Brand), Fosamax Plus D, Atelvia (Brand), Binosto	Previous use of alendronate, ibandronate, risedronate sodium, risedronate sodium delayed-release
MIGRAINE RELIEF		
Triptans	Brand names: Amerge, Frova, Imitrex, Maxalt, Maxalt MLT, Onzentra, Relpax, Zembrace, Zomig, Tosymra	Current or previous use of any of the following generic triptans: almotriptan, naratriptan, rizatriptan, rizatriptan ODT, sumatriptan tablet, sumatriptan subcutaneous injection (generic for Imitrex), sumatriptan nasal spray, zolmitriptan, zolmitriptan ODT. **ALL GENERIC TRIPTANS**
Trokendi XR	Trokendi XR	Previous use of any of the following generics: topiramate tab, topiramate sprinkle cap, topiramate ER sprinkle cap
Migranal/Trudhesa nasal spray	Migranal (brand and generic), Trudhesa	****ALL GENERIC TRIPTANS**** almotriptan, naratriptan, rizatriptan, rizatriptan ODT, sumatriptan tablet, sumatriptan subcutaneous injection (generic for Imitrex), sumatriptan nasal spray, zolmitriptan, zolmitriptan ODT
OTHER		

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Immuno-suppressants	Envarsus XR	immediate-release tacrolimus
Opioid-Induced Constipation	Movantik, Symproic	Concurrent use of any of the following products: immediate-release opioids, extended-release opioids, immediate-release opioid combination products (w/APAP, ASA or IBU)
Hyperkalemia	Lokemla	sodium polystyrene sulfonate
Phosphate Binders	Phoslyra, Auryxia, Fosrenol, Renvela, Renagel, Velphoro	Calcium Acetate, and one of the following: Lanthanum carbonate, Calphron, Sevelamer
Contraceptive patch	Twirla	Xulane
Vaginal Ring	Annovera	Previous use of Nuvaring
PAIN RELIEF		
Anti-inflammatory	Celebrex, Elyxyb	Previous use of generic celecoxib
	Arthrotec, Cambia, Flector, Nalfon, Zipsor, Zorvolex	Previous use of generic oral diclofenac potassium or diclofenac sodium
	Tivorbex	Indomethacin IR or Indomethacin ER
	Vivlodex, Qmiiiz ODT	Meloxicam tablet

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RESPIRATORY		
COPD	Lonhala	ipratropium inhalation solution, Incruse Ellipta, Spiriva Handihaler, Spiriva Respimat
	Daliresp	Concurrent use of any of the following products: Airduo Respi Inhaler, Serevent, Foradil, Spiriva, Advair(brand and generic), Eixela, Symbicort, Tudorze, Dulera, or an inhaled corticosteroid
	Armonair	previous use of Flovent HFA
	Yupelri	Serevent, Foradil, Spiriva, Advair, Symbicort, Tudorza, Dulera, or an inhaled corticosteroid
Beta-2 Agonist inhalers	Proventil HFA(brand only), Ventolin HFA(brand only), Xopenex HFA(brand only), Proait Digihaler, Airsupra	Previous use of one of the following: Proair HFA(brand only), Proair Respiclick(brand only)
TOPICALS		
Acne	Aczone(brand & generic), Acanya, Altreno, Atralin, Avar, Avar I.S, Azelex(brand & generic), Benzamycin, Clenia Plus, Differin, Epiduo(brand & generic), Epiduo Forte(brand & generic), Evoclin, Fabior(brand & generic), Finacea(brand & generic), Metrogel, Mirvaso, Noritate, Onexton(brand & generic), Retin-A, Retin-a Micro, Tazorac, Veltin, Ziana, Benzapro, Benzoyl Peroxide 6.9%, Aklied cream 0.005%, Amzeeq foam 4%, Arazlo Lotion 0.045%, Zilxi foam 1.5%	Previous use of one of the following generics: Adapalene gel/cream, Benzoyl Peroxide, Clindamycin phosphate 1% gel/solution/lotion/foam, Clindamycin/Benzoyl Peroxide 1.2-2.5%, Clindamycin/Benzoyl Peroxide 1.2-5%, Clindamycin/Benzoyl Peroxide 1-5%, Erythromycin 2% gel/solution, Erythromycin/Benzoyl Peroxide gel, Metronidazole cream/gel/lotion, Sulfacetamide/Sulfur, Tretinoin cream/gel
Atopic Dermatitis	Elidel, Protopic, tacrolimus oint, pimecrolimus	Previous use of one of the following topical steroids (medium, high or very high potency): amcinonide, betamethasone dip aug, betamethasone dip, betamethasone valerate, clobetasol propionate, clocortolone pivalate, desoximetasone, diflorasone diacetate, diflorasone diacetate, fluocinonide, fluticasone propionate, fluocinolone acetonide, flurandrenolide, flurandrenolide tape, halcinonide, halobetasol propionate, hydrocortisone valerate, hydrocortisone butyrate, hydrocortisone probutate, mometasone furoate, triamcinolone acetonide crm/oint/lotion, triamcinolone acetonide

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Other Dermatologic	Eucrisa	Augmented betamethasone dipropionate; Clobetasol propionate; Diflorasone diacetate; Halobetasol Propionate; Amcinonide; Desoximetasone; Betamethasone; Dipropionate; Fluocinonide; Halog; Mometasone furoate; Triamcinolone; Betamethasone; Valerate; Clo cortolone pivalate; Fluocinolone acetonide; Flurandrenolide; Fluticasone propionate; Hydrocortisone butyrate; Hydrocortisone probutate; Hydrocortisone valerate; Prednicarbate; Alclometasone; Dipropionate; Desonide; Hydrocortisone acetate AND Tacrolimus or Elidel
High/Very High Potency Topical Steroids	Apexicon 0.05% oint (brand & generic), Apexicon-E 0.05% cream (brand & generic), Bryhali 0.01% lotion, Clobex 0.05% Spray (brand & generic), Diprolene Aug. 0.05% crm/lot/ointment, Halog 0.1% crm/ointment, Impoyz 0.025% cream, Lexette 0.05% foam, Olux 0.05% foam (brand & generic), Olux-E 0.05% foam (brand & generic), Temovate/E 0.05% soln/ointment/crm/gel/lot, Ultravate 0.05% lot/crm/ointment, Vanos 0.1% crm (brand & generic)	amcinonide 0.1% crm/lot/ointment, betamethasone dip. 0.05% aug crm/lot/ointment, betamethasone dip 0.05% oint, clobetasol 0.05% emul crm, clobetasol 0.05% crm/gel/ointment/lot/soln/shamp, desoximetasone oint/gel, halobetasol 0.05% crm/ointment, fluocinonide 0.05% gel/crm/soln/ointment, fluocinonide 0.05% emul crm, mometasone 0.1% oint
Medium Potency Topical Steroids	Cutivate 0.05% crm/lot, Cutivate 0.005% oint, Kenalog 0.147mg/d spray (brand & generic), Luxiq 0.1% foam (brand & generic), Sernivo 0.05% spray, Synalar 0.025% oint, Topicort 0.25% spray, Topicort 0.25% crm/ointment	betamethasone dip 0.05% crm/lot, betamethasone valerate 0.1% crm/lot/ointment, desoximetasone 0.05% crm/gel/ointment, desoximetasone 0.25% crm/ointment, fluocinolone acetate 0.025% oint, fluticasone prop 0.05% crm/lot, fluticasone prop 0.005% oint, mometasone 0.1% crm/lot, triamcinolone acetate 0.025%, 0.1%, 0.5% crm/ointment
Low Potency Topical Steroids	Cloderm 0.1% crm (brand & generic), Capex 0.01% shmp, Cordran 0.05%, 0.025% crm/lot, Cordran 0.05% oint (brand & generic), Cordran 4mcg/dq tape (brand & generic), Derma-Smooth FS 0.01% body/scalp oil, Desowen 0.05% crm/lot/ointment, Desonate 0.05% gel (brand & generic), Locoid 0.1% crm/lot/ointment/soln (brand & generic), Locoid Lipocream 0.1% crm (brand & generic), Synalar 0.01%, 0.025%, 0.2% soln/cream, Texacort 2.5% soln, Verdeso 0.05% foam (brand & generic)	alclometasone dip 0.05% crm/ointment, betamethasone dip 0.05% lot, desonide 0.05% crm/lot/ointment, fluocinolone acetate 0.01% body/scalp oil, fluocinolone acetate 0.01%, 0.025%, 0.2% soln/cream, flurandrenolide 0.05%, 0.025% crm/lot, hydrocortisone valerate 0.2% crm/ointment, prednicarbate 0.1% crm/ointment, triamcinolone acet 0.025%, 0.1% lot
ANTI-FUNGAL		
Brexafemme	Brexafemme	Fluconazole