



STANDARD Stepped Therapy Agents ~ 2010

The following drugs will require prior authorization if the condition is not met when the pharmacist would attempt to transmit a prescription claim. Your doctor will coordinate this approval for you. If the prescription is approved, Coventry Health Care will cover the cost. You will be responsible for the copayment. If the request is not approved, it does not mean your doctor cannot prescribe the medicine for you. It means that you are responsible for paying the prescription in full. Self-administered injectable agents also require prior authorization and can be found on a separate list.

Drug	Condition
<i>Ambien CR (zolpidem extended release)</i>	Trial & failure of Ambien* or Sonata*, AND Lunesta
<i>Amitiza (lubiprostone)</i>	Trial & failure of Lactulose* or Miralax*
<i>Celebrex (celecoxib)</i>	Trial & failure of 2 NSAIDs
<i>Clarinx (desloratadine)</i>	Trial & failure of Claritin* AND Zyrtec OTC
<i>Coreg CR (carvedilol extended rel)</i>	Trial of Coreg*
<i>Crestor (rosuvastatin) 5mg only</i>	Trial & failure of Zocor*
<i>Detrol/Detrol LA (tolterodine extended release)</i>	Trial & failure of Ditropan* or Sanctura/Sanctura XL
<i>Effexor (venlafaxine)</i>	Trial & failure of an SSRI
<i>Effexor XR (venlafaxine extended rel)</i>	Trial & failure of an SSRI
<i>Enablex (darifenacin)</i>	Trial & failure of Ditropan* or Sanctura/Sanctura XL
<i>Gelnique (oxybutynin topical gel)</i>	Trial & failure of Ditropan* or Sanctura/Sanctura XL
<i>Lescol / Lescol XL (fluvastatin)</i>	Trial & failure of Zocor*
<i>Lexapro (escitalopram)</i>	Trial & failure of a generic SSRI
<i>Lipitor (atorvastatin) 10mg & 20mg</i>	Trial & failure of Zocor*
<i>Lipitor (atorvastatin) 40mg & 80mg</i>	Trial & failure of Crestor or Vytorin
<i>Lunesta (eszopiclone)</i>	Trial & failure of Ambien* or Sonata*
<i>Luvox CR (fluvoxamine extended release)</i>	Trial & failure of an SSRI
<i>Metrogel 1% (metronidazole)</i>	Trial & failure of Metrogel 0.75%*
<i>Niravam ODT (alprazolam immediate rel)</i>	Trial of Xanax*
<i>Oxytrol (oxybutynin transdermal)</i>	Trial & failure of Ditropan* or Sanctura/Sanctura XL
<i>Paxil CR* (paroxetine extended release)</i>	Trial of Paxil*
<i>Pristiq (desvenlafaxine)</i>	Trial & failure of any SSRI AND Effexor
<i>Prozac Weekly (fluoxetine extended rel)</i>	Trial of Prozac*
<i>Requip XL (ropinirole)</i>	Trial of Requip*
<i>Rozerem (ramelteon)</i>	Trial & failure of Ambien* or Sonata*, AND Lunesta
<i>Ryzolt (tramadol extended release)</i>	Trial of Ultram*
<i>Singulair (montelukast)</i>	Prior prescription for an asthma medication
<i>Toviaz (fesoterodine)</i>	Trial & failure of Ditropan* or Sanctura/Sanctura XL
<i>Uloric (febuxostat)</i>	Trial & failure of allopurinol
<i>Ultram ER (tramadol extended release)</i>	Trial of Ultram*
<i>Vancocin (vancomycin) 250mg only</i>	Trial & failure of Vancocin 125mg
<i>Vesicare (solifenacin)</i>	Trial & failure of Ditropan* or Sanctura/Sanctura XL
<i>Vytorin (simvastatin/ezetimibe) 10/10 only</i>	Trial & failure of Zocor*
<i>Xyzal (levocetirizine)</i>	Trial & failure of Claritin* AND Zyrtec OTC
<i>Zelapar ODT (selegiline)</i>	Trial of Eldepryl*

Italics indicate non-formulary agents

^ indicates agent is not covered

* indicates generic form available – lowest copay charged