January 1, 2027 CareFirst Commercial Formulary Updates

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. (collectively, "CareFirst") is committed to our mission of providing affordable, accessible care to our members. We know that any increases in pharmacy spending have the potential to impact our members by making healthcare less affordable and to affect our valued provider partners by lowering payments. To prevent unnecessary increases, we conduct a quarterly review of our formularies and make changes to encourage utilization of safe and clinically cost-effective drugs.

This document provides a list of formulary changes effective January 1, 2027. It is not inclusive of all formulary changes. You can view a complete list of covered drugs and utilization management programs on our website.

Formulary Additions/Positive Tier Changes

These medications will be added to formulary coverage or moved to a lower cost-sharing tier.

Product	Note	Formulary
ATTRUBY	ADDED	F2 CHART, F4 CHART
AUVELITY, AUVELITY TITRATION PACK	ADDED/POSITIVE TIER CHANGE	F1, F2, F3
AWIQLI FLEX INJ	ADDED	EXCHANGE
BENLYSTA	POSITIVE TIER CHANGE	F1, F2, F3
BIMZELX	ADDED	F2 CHART, F4 CHART, EXCHANGE
budesonide ext-rel tablet	ADDED	F2, F3
cyclosporine ophth emu 0.05%	ADDED	F2, F3, F2 CHART, F4 CHART
DAWNZERA	ADDED	F2 CHART
doxycycline monohydrate del-rel caps	ADDED	F2, F3, F2 CHART, F4 CHART
estradiol vaginal tablet, YUVAFEM	ADDED	F2, F3, F2 CHART, F4 CHART
FREESTYLE LIBRE CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITORING SYSTEM	ADDED	F2, F3
glatiramer acetate prefilled syringe	POSITIVE TIER CHANGE	EXCHANGE
HYMPAVZI	ADDED	F2 CHART, F4 CHART
icosapent ethyl	ADDED	F2, F3, F2 CHART, F4 CHART, EXCHANGE
INGREZZA	ADDED	EXCHANGE
INSULIN GLARGINE-YFGN	POSITIVE TIER CHANGE	F1
LEDIPASVIR-SOFOSBUVIR, SOFOSBUVIR-VELPATASVIR	POSITIVE TIER CHANGE	F1
lincomycin	ADDED	EXCHANGE
LIPFENDRA	ADDED	F2, F3, F2 CHART, F4 CHART
LORBRENA	POSITIVE TIER CHANGE	F2 CHART
MAVYRET	ADDED	F2, F3, F2 CHART, F4 CHART, EXCHANGE
MIEBO	ADDED	F2, F3
NEMLUVIO	ADDED	F4 CHART, EXCHANGE
NURTEC	ADDED	EXCHANGE
PRALUENT	ADDED	F2 CHART, F4 CHART

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REZDIFFRA	ADDED	EXCHANGE
sodium oxybate oral sol	POSITIVE TIER CHANGE	EXCHANGE
SYNTHROID	POSITIVE TIER CHANGE	F2 CHART
tocilizumab	ADDED	EXCHANGE
VEVYE	ADDED	F2 CHART, F4 CHART, EXCHANGE
VYVGART HYTRULO	ADDED	F2 CHART, F4 CHART
YUTREPIA	ADDED	F2 CHART, F4 CHART, EXCHANGE
YUVIWEL	ADDED/POSITIVE TIER CHANGE	F1, F2, F3
ZORYVE FOAM	ADDED	F2 CHART, EXCHANGE

Brand name drugs are in CAPITAL letters; generic drugs are in lower case.

Formulary Removals/Negative Tier Changes

These medications will be removed from formulary coverage or moved to a higher cost-sharing tier. If medical necessity dictates that an excluded medication be covered, providers may submit an exception request.

Product	Note	Formulary Alternatives	Formulary
ALPHAGAN P*	NEGATIVE TIER CHANGE	brimonidine solution	F1, F2, F3
ARNUITY ELLIPTA	REMOVED	ASMANEX HFA	F2 CHART
BASAGLAR KWIKPEN	NEGATIVE TIER CHANGE	INSULIN GLARGINE-YFGN, LANTUS	F1
BOSULIF*^	REMOVED/NEGATIVE TIER CHANGE	bosutinib, dasatinib, imatinib mesylate, nilotinib, SCEMBLIX	F1, F2, F3, F2 CHART, F4 CHART
CELLCEPT, MYFORTIC, NEORAL, PROGRAF, SANDIMMUNE, ZORTRESS	REMOVED	mycophenolate, cyclosporine, tacrolimus, everolimus	EXCHANGE
CORLANOR*, ENTRESTO*	REMOVED	ivabradine, sacubitril-valsartan	F2, F3
DESCOVY	NEGATIVE TIER CHANGE	emtricitabine-tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, APRETUDE, CIMDUO, YEZTUGO	F1, F2, F3, F2 CHART, EXCHANGE
dexchlorpheniramine maleate oral sol	REMOVED	carbinoxamine, clemastine, cyproheptadine, desloratadine, diphenhydramine, hydroxyzine, levocetirizine	EXCHANGE
DEXCOM CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITORING SYSTEM	REMOVED	FREESTYLE LIBRE CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITORING SYSTEM	F2, F3
DIFICID SUSPENSION	NEGATIVE TIER CHANGE	fidaxomicin	F2 CHART
EPCLUSA, HARVONI, VOSEVI	NEGATIVE TIER CHANGE	LEDIPASVIR-SOFOSBUVIR, SOFOSBUVIR-VELPATASVIR	F1
	REMOVED	MAVYRET, SOVALDI	EXCHANGE
EPCLUSA, HARVONI, SOVALDI, VOSEVI	REMOVED	MAVYRET	F2, F3, F2 CHART, F4 CHART
fluticasone furoate ellipta	REMOVED	ASMANEX HFA, PULMICORT FLEXHALER	F2, F3, F2 CHART, F4 CHART
HAEGARDA	REMOVED	DAWNZERA, TAKHZYRO	F2 CHART, F4 CHART
HUMALOG, HUMALOG MIX, INSULIN LISPRO, INSULIN LISPRO MIX, LYUMJEV	NEGATIVE TIER CHANGE	FIASP, INSULIN ASPART, INSULIN ASPART 70/30, NOVOLOG, NOVOLOG	F1

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		MIX 70/30	
HUMATROPE	REMOVED/NEGATIVE TIER CHANGE	NORDITROPIN, SOGROYA	F1, F2, F3, F2 CHART, F4 CHART
IBRANCE	REMOVED	KISQALI, VERZENIO	F4 CHART
JANUMET XR, JANUMET*, JANUVIA*	REMOVED	sitagliptin/metformin, alogliptin/metformin, sitagliptin	EXCHANGE
LOPRESSOR*	NEGATIVE TIER CHANGE	metoprolol tartrate	F1, F2, F2 CHART
MYRBETRIQ*	NEGATIVE TIER CHANGE	darifenacin ext-rel, fesoterodine ext-rel, mirabegron ext-rel, oxybutynin ext-rel, solifenacin, tolterodine, tolterodine ext-rel, trospium, trospium ext-rel	F2 CHART
MYRBETRIQ SUSP*	REMOVED	mirabegron susp	EXCHANGE
NAMZARIC*	NEGATIVE TIER CHANGE	memantine-donepezil ext-rel	F2 CHART
OPSUMIT*	REMOVED/NEGATIVE TIER CHANGE	ambrisentan, bosentan, macitentan	F1, F2, F3, F2 CHART, EXCHANGE
ORACEA*	REMOVED	doxycycline monohydrate del-rel caps	F2, F3, F2 CHART, F4 CHART
POMALYST*	REMOVED	pomalidomide	F2, F3, F2 CHART
PONVORY	REMOVED	dimethyl fumarate, fingolimod, glatiramer, teriflunomide, AVONEX, BAFIERTAM, BETASERON, KESIMPTA, MAYZENT, REBIF, VUMERITY, ZEPOSIA	F2, F3
REPATHA	REMOVED	LIPFENDRA, PRALUENT	F2 CHART, F4 CHART
RESTASIS SINGLE DOSE*	REMOVED	cyclosporine ophth emu 0.05%, MIEBO, RESTASIS MULTIDOSE, VEVYE	F2, F3, F2 CHART, F4 CHART
RESTASIS MULTIDOSE	REMOVED	cyclosporine ophth emu 0.05%, TRYPTYR, VEVYE	F2 CHART, F4 CHART
THALOMID	REMOVED	lenalidomide	F4 CHART
tolvaptan	REMOVED	Consult with your provider	EXCHANGE
TRINATE, PRENATAL 19 CHW, INATAL	REMOVED	generic prenatal vitamins	EXCHANGE
TRULANCE	REMOVED	lubiprostone, prucalopride, LINZESS	F2, F3
TYVASO, TYVASO DPI	REMOVED	YUTREPIA	F2 CHART, F4 CHART, EXCHANGE
UCERIS*	REMOVED	balsalazide, budesonide ext-rel tablet, mesalamine del-rel, mesalamine ext-rel, sulfasalazine, sulfasalazine del-rel	F2, F3
VAGIFEM*	REMOVED	estradiol vaginal cream, estradiol vaginal tablet, IMVEXXY, YUVAFEM	F2, F3, F2 CHART, F4 CHART
VASCEPA*	REMOVED	icosapent ethyl, omega-3 acid ethyl esters	F2, F3, F2 CHART, F4 CHART
VELSIPITY	REMOVED	tofacitinib, tofacitinib ext-rel, ADALIMUMAB-ADAZ, ADALIMUMAB-FKJP, ENTYVIO SC, HYRIMOZ (Cordavis), PYZCHIVA SC (Cordavis), RINVOQ, SKYRIZI SC, TREMFYA SC, YESINTEK, ZEPOSIA	F2, F3

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VERQUVO	REMOVED/NEGATIVE TIER CHANGE	dapagliflozin, ivabradine, sacubitril-valsartan, INPEFA, JARDIANCE, KERENDIA	F1, F2, F3

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Utilization Management Changes

These medications will require new or updated utilization management. Instructions on how to submit a prior authorization or limit override request can be found here.

Product	Note	Formulary
NEREUS	PRIOR AUTHORIZATION ADDED	F1, F2 CHART, F4 CHART
XOCOVA	QUANTITY LIMIT	F2 CHART, F4 CHART

Please note: Formulary updates are subject to change. Utilization management changes are communicated to you as required by Maryland Insurance Code §15-854.

Indication-Based Strategy Update

The autoimmune agent BIMZELX will move to preferred status for Hidradenitis Suppurativa and secondary preferred for all other FDA approved conditions on F2 CHART and F4 CHART.

Summary of Utilization Management Updates

The motion sickness agent NEREUS has a prior authorization ADDED for the formularies F1, F2 CHART and F4 CHART. Please note, it is only accessible through a nonformulary exception on F2 CHART and F4 CHART.

A quantity limit has been ADDED to the COVID-19 post-exposure prophylaxis drug, XOCOVA, to facilitate utilization consistent with FDA-approved labeling for the F2 CHART and F4 CHART formularies. Please note, it is currently only available through a nonformulary exception on these formularies.

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