Pharmacy and Biopharmacy Policies

Effective September 16, 2020



Policy	Applicable	New Policy Overview or Updated Policy
	Products	Revisions
Aclidinium/Formoterol (Duaklir Pressair) (CP.PCH.23)	Ambetter	 Updates include: Added Striverdi Respimat a preferred LABA option per core Ambetter formularies Removed Advair HFA as a preferred ICS/LABA option as it is not used for COPD (asthma only)
Afamelanotide (Scenesse) (CP.PHAR.444)	Ambetter	Updates include: • Finalize Ambetter line of business
Blinatumomab (Blincyto) (CP.PHAR.312)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	Updates include:
Brexpiprazole (Rexulti) (CP.PMN.68)	Ambetter	 Updates include: Allowed members 65 years old or older to bypass redirections to TCA for major depressive disorder
Burosumab-twza (Crysvita) (CP.PHAR.11)	Ambetter	Updates include: Clarified weight-based dosing limits in initial and continued approval criteria References reviewed and updated
Cinacalcet (Sensipar) (CP.PHAR.61)	Ambetter	Updates include: • References reviewed and updated
Corticosteroid Intravitreal Implants (Iluvien, Ozurdex, Retisert, Yutiq) (CP.PHAR.385)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	 Updates include: Added Ambetter line of business, removed Ambetter-Medical Benefit References reviewed and updated
Daratumumab, Daratumumab- Hyaluronidase-fihj (Darzalex, Darzalex Faspro) (CP.PHAR.310)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	Updates include:
Deferoxamine (Desferal) (CP.PHAR.146)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	Updates include: Revised Ambetter-medical benefit to Ambetter line of business References reviewed and updated
Dichlorphenamide (Keveyis) (CP.PCH.04)	Ambetter	Updates include: • Updated contraindications • References reviewed and updated
Elexacaftor-ivacaftor-tezacaftor (Trikafta) (CP.PHAR.440)	Ambetter	 Updates include: Revised initial approval criteria: revised the requirement for evidence of clinical severity as defined by an average sweat chloride from > 86 mmol/L to > 60 mmol/L

Entrectinib (Rozlytrek)	Ambetter	 Removed in vitro testing requirement demonstrating a baseline chloride transport < 10% of wild type CFTR Removed requirement for lack of responsiveness to other CFTR modulators Removed for members currently using another CFTR modulator switching to Trikafta to show increase in chloride transport of < 10% over baseline Removed positive response requirement after at least 12 weeks of therapy to show chloride transport ≥ 10% since baseline requirement Revised Appendix D Updates include:
(CP.PHAR.441)		Finalize Ambetter line of business
Erdafitinib (Balversa) (CP.PHAR.423)	Ambetter	 Updates include: Recurrent disease and checkpoint inhibitor prior therapy option added per NCCN References reviewed and updated
Erlotinib (Tarceva) (CP.PHAR.74)	Ambetter	 Updates include: added NCCN-supported combination of Tarceva with either Cyramza or bevacizumab References reviewed and updated
Everolimus (Afinitor, Afinitor Disperz, Zortress) (CP.PHAR.63)	Ambetter	 Updates include: Added Appendix D with information regarding off-label use of Zortress in heart transplant Updated Appendix C to clarify Zortress's boxed warning in heart transplant
Fulvestrant (Faslodex Injection) (CP.PHAR.424)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	 Updates include: For endometrial carcinoma, added option for use in stage II disease, in combination with sequential external beam radiation therapy References reviewed and updated
Givosiran (Givlaari) (CP.PHAR.457)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	 Updates include: Corrected-for-creatinine requirement removed from diagnostic porphyrin precursor (ALA/PBG) testing criteria to reflect lab reporting variability Examples of ALA/PBG values, uncorrected for creatinine, are added to Appendix E References reviewed and updated
Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir (Mavyret) (HIM.PA.SP36)	Ambetter	 Updates include: CP.PCH.18 retired and HIM.PA.SP36 unretired No significant changes References reviewed and updated
GLP-1 receptor agonists (CP.PMN.183)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP	Updates include: Updated "FDA Approved Indications" section to include Trulicity's new FDA indication: cardiovascular risk reduction in patients with established cardiovascular disease or with multiple cardiovascular risk factors Modified criteria to allow Trulicity or Ozempic in patients with established cardiovascular disease or multiple cardiovascular risk factors if contraindicated to the preferred agent Victoza Added new exenatide contraindication to Appendix C References reviewed and updated
Ipilimumab (Yervoy) (CP.PHAR.319)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids,	Updates include: • Added FDA-labeled indications of HCC and NSCLC in combination with Opdivo

	STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	References reviewed and updated
Ixazomib (Ninlaro) (CP.PHAR.302)	Ambetter	 Updates include: NCCN recommended uses for MM and Waldenstrom added References reviewed and updated
Leuprolide Acetate (Lupron, Lupron Depot, Eligard, Lupaneta Pack, Fensolvi) (CP.PHAR.173)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	 Updates include: revised Ambetter-Medical Benefit to Ambetter line of business Added Fensolvi (new dosage form) to the policy for Central Precocious Puberty Added off-label NCCN indication and criteria for salivary gland tumor References reviewed and updated
Lidocaine transdermal (Lidoderm, ZTlido) (CP.PMN.08)	Ambetter	Updates include: Removed all mention of redirecting to HIM.PA.103 for ZTlido References reviewed and updated
Luspatercept-aamt (Reblozyl) (CP.PHAR.450)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	 Updates include: Criteria added for new FDA indication MDS References reviewed and updated
Neratinib (Nerlynx) (CP.PHAR.365)	Ambetter	 Updates include: Added NCCN Compendium supported use in combination with capecitabine for CNS metastases References reviewed and updated
Netupitant and Palonosetron (Akynzeo), Fosnetupitant and Palonosetron (Akynzeo IV) (CP.PMN.158)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	Updates include:New IV dosage formulation added
Nintedanib (Ofev) (CP.PHAR.285)	Ambetter	 Updates include: Criteria added for new FDA indication: chronic fibrosing ILD with a progressive phenotype References reviewed and updated
Nivolumab (Opdivo) (CP.PHAR.121)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	Updates include: Updated HCC criteria to include no previous treatment with a checkpoint inhibitor based on NCCN recommendation Added criteria for FDA-labeled indications of NSCLC & ESCC Updated SCLC indication for optional use in combination with ipilimumab per updated NCCN compendium Added NCCN compendium-supported indications of small bowel adenocarcinoma and T-cell lymphoma
Obeticholic Aacid (Ocaliva) (CP.PHAR.287)	Ambetter	 Updates include: Added preemptive criteria for the pending FDA approval of NASH indication
Octreotide Acetate (Sandostatin, Sandostatin LAR Depot, Bynfezia, Mycapssa) (CP.PHAR.40)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	Updates include: • Added Mycapssa to policy

Olaparib (Lynparza) (CP.PHAR.360)	Ambetter	Updates include: • Criteria added for two newly FDA-approved
		indications: 1) HRD-positive ovarian cancers in combination with bevacizumab after bevacizumab primary therapy, and 2) HRR-mutated mCRPC.
Palbociclib (Ibrance) (CP.PHAR.125)	Ambetter	Updates include: • Added tablet formulation
Palivizumab (Synagis) (CP.PHAR.16)	Ambetter	 Updates include: Seasonal coverage criteria are added to all indications Related AAP/CDC guidance is added to Appendix D
Paricalcitol Injection (Zemplar) (CP.PHAR.270)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	 Updates include: Revised Ambetter-medical benefit to Ambetter line of business References reviewed and updated
Pembrolizumab (Keytruda) (CP.PHAR.322)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	 New FDA approved dosing of 400 mg every 6 weeks added to all labeled adult indications NSCLC: first-line removed from combination with chemotherapy per NCCN Brain metastasis moved under PD-L1 positive disease per NCCN SCLC: relapsed disease added per NCCN CHL: Keytruda as single-agent therapy added per NCCN HNSCC: first-line therapy requirement removed from combination platinum/FU therapy per NCCN MSI-H/dMMR tumors: first-line therapy for occult primary tumor and small bowel added per NCCN HCC: Child-Pugh Class A added per NCCN/pivotal trial with no prior checkpoint inhibitor therapy caveat per NCCN Three new FDA approved indications added: 1) MSI-H/dMMR CRC first-line (adults), 2) TMB-H (adults/pediatrics), 3) cSCC (adults); NCCN offlabel Keytruda use as first-line for MSI-H tumors is limited to adults NCCN off-label criteria set is limited to adults; endometrial carcinoma criteria set is limited to 24 months of therapy; MSI-H/TMB-H CNS tumors excluded for pediatrics per PI; indication table added with directives to MSI-H/TMB-H criteria sets for appropriate cancers; BCG Appendix D added; TMB-H solid tumor examples added to Appendix F. references reviewed and undeted to add to a page districted.
Pomalidomide (Pomalyst) (CP.PHAR.116)	Ambetter	Appendix E; references reviewed and updated Updates include: Criteria revised for newly FDA approved indication of KS Allowed use in non-AIDS-related disease Added immunologist as a prescriber option per specialist feedback For AIDS-related disease: added requirement that Pomalyst must be prescribed in combination with HAART and modified requirement from failure of 2 agents to specify first line doxorubicin and paclitaxel per NCCN and European consensus guidelines

		Modified max daily dose from 4 mg/day to 5
Quetiapine ER (Seroquel XR)	Ambetter	mg/day per FDA labeling Updates include:
(CP.PMN.64)		 Allowed members 65 years old or older to bypass redirections to TCA for major depressive disorder
Ramucirumab (Cyramza) (CP.PHAR.119)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	 Updates include: Added criteria for new FDA indication of NSCLC in combination with Tarceva revised Ambetter-medical benefit to Ambetter line of business References reviewed and updated.
Rucaparib (Rubraca) (CP.PHAR.350)	Ambetter	 Updates include: Criteria added for new FDA indication: metastatic CRPC For both indications, added requirement against prior use of a PARP inhibitor Added Appendix D References reviewed and updated.
Sargramostim (Leukine) (CP.PHAR.295)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	Updates include: For ARS indication added weight based dosing to criteria set References reviewed and updated
Selinexor (Xpovio) (CP.PHAR.431)	Ambetter	 Updates include: Criteria added for new FDA-approved indication: DLBCL References reviewed and updated
SGLT2 inhibitors (HIM.PA.91)	Ambetter	 Updates include: Criteria added for Farxiga's new FDA indication: heart failure with reduced ejection fraction
Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir (Epclusa) (HIM.PA.SP1)	Ambetter	 Updates include: CP.PCH.21 retired; HIM.PA.SP1 unretired No clinically significant changes References reviewed and updated Added updated FDA-labeled dosing for post-liver transplant setting
Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/Voxilaprevir (Vosevi) (HIM.PA.SP63)	Ambetter	Policy includes:Policy created (adapted from CP.PCH.22 which is being retired)
Tadalafil BPH - ED (Cialis) (CP.PMN.132)	Ambetter	Updates include: • For ED criteria set removed criteria requiring request for formulary product as criteria would also apply for non-formulary requests References reviewed
Tazemetostat (Tazverik) (CP.PHAR.452)	Ambetter	 Updates include: Added criteria set for two new FDA approved FL indications References reviewed and updated
Teprotumumab (Tepezza) (CP.PHAR.465)	Medicaid (STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids, STAR+PLUS), CHIP, and Ambetter	Updates include:
Tesamorelin (Egrifta SV) (CP.PHAR.109)	Ambetter	Updates include: Replaced old formulation Egrifta with new formulation Egrifta SV References reviewed and updated

Tolvaptan (Jynarque, Samsca) (CP.PHAR.27)	Ambetter	Updates include: • Updated product availability
		 Updated Jynarque boxed warnings as per updated prescribing information References reviewed and update
Topical Acne Treatment (HIM.PA.71)	Ambetter	Updates include: • Added Amzeeq to criteria with age requirement 9 years or older per prescribing information
Trifarotene (Aklief) (CP.PMN.225)	Ambetter	Updates include: • Finalize Ambetter line of business
Ubrogepant (Ubrelvy) (CP.PHAR.476)	Ambetter	Updates include: Revised requirement 'for monthly quantities > 1 box of 6 tablets per month' to 10 tablets per month as this is the smallest available package size Updated Section VI to remove the 6 and 8 tablet package sizes
Umeclidinium/Vilanterol (Anoro Ellipta) (HIM.PA.106)	Ambetter	Updates include: Added Arcapta Neohaler and Striverdi Respimat as preferred LABAs and specified that generic (as opposed to brand) Advair Diskus and Symbicort are preferred per core Ambetter formulary status Updated Appendix C to reflect revised Cl language References reviewed and updated
Vigabatrin (Sabril) (CP.PHAR.169)	Ambetter	Updates include: • References reviewed and updated
Vorinostat (Zolinza) (CP.PHAR.83)	Ambetter	 Updates include: Appendix D subtype classification updated per NCCN/WHO-EORTC 2018 References reviewed and updated
Vortioxetine (Trintellix) (CP.PMN.65)	Ambetter	Updates include: