

Medica Central Health Plan  
Medica Advantage (HMO/HMO-POS)  
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# 2024 Step B Therapy Criteria

## **Please Read**

This document contains information about our Step Therapy Criteria.

## **Step Therapy**

In some cases, Medica Central Health Plan requires you to first try certain drugs to treat your medical condition before we will cover another drug for that condition. For example, if Drug A and Drug B both treat your medical condition Medica Central Health Plan may not cover Drug B unless you try Drug A first. If Drug A does not work for you, Medica Central Health Plan will then cover Drug B

## **Additional Resources to Help**

For more recent information or other questions, please contact Medica Central Health Plan Customer Service at **1 (877) 301-3326 (TTY:711)**, 8 am – 8 pm, weekdays (year-round) and weekends (Oct. 1 – Mar. 31), or visit **Central.Medica.Com/Medicare**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Preferred drug(s) Drug A</b>	<b>Non-Preferred drug(s) Drug B</b>
Visco supplements	Synvisc-one, Synvisc, Hyalagan, Hymovis and triluron	durolane, glesyn-3, supartz FX, Synvisc, Euflexxa, Gel-one, Genvisc 850, Mono-visc, Sodium Hyaluronate, TriVisc, Visco-3
Osteoporosis	Oral bisphosphonate trial (alendronate, ibandronate, or risedronate)	Prolia (for a diagnosis of osteoporosis with high risk of fracture) and Evenity
Prevention of skeletal related events in patients with multiple	Reclast (zoledronic acid)	Xgeva (denosumab)
Treatment of hypercalcemia of malignancy myeloma	Reclast (zoledronic acid)	Xgeva (denosumab)
Colony Stimulating Factors Short Acting	Zarxio or Nivestym	Neupogen/Granix
Pegfilgrastim	Fulphila or Nyvepria	Neulasta/Udenyca/Ziextenzo/Rolvedron/Ryneutra
Filgrastim	Zarxio or Nivestym	Leukine
Oncology	Zirabev	Avastin, Mvasi
HER 2 Expression	Herumza, or Trazimera	Herceptin, Kanjinti, Ogivri
Rituximab	Truxima or Ruxience	Rituxan hycela/Rituxan
Infliximab	Avsola	Remicade / Inflectra/ Renflexis
Migraine	Emgality and Aimovig	Vyepti
Crohn's	infliximab or Humira	Entyvio
Gout	Allopurinol, Febuxostat	Krystexxa
Rheumatoid Arthritis	Enbrel , Humira, Rinvoq	Orencia (Rheumatoid Arthritis)
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Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA)	Enbrel, Humira and Methotrexate inj	Orencia (Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA))
Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA)	Enbrel, Humira and Methotrexate inj	Actemra (Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA))
Psoriatic Arthritis	Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx, Taltz, Stelara	Orencia (Psoriatic Arthritis)
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ankylosing spondylitis	Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx	Simponi Aria (ankylosing spondylitis)

Asthma	Systemic Oral corticosteroid, medium or High dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) in combination with long-acting beta agonist (LABA), leukotriene receptor antagonist, tiotropium; Systemic Injectable: corticosteroids	Xolair (asthma)
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Idiopathic Urticaria	Injectable or oral H1 antihistamines	Xolair (Idiopathic Urticaria)
Systemic Lupus Erythematosus	hydroxychloroquine, methotrexate, azathioprine, or mycophenolate mofetil	Benlysta
Systemic Lupus	hydroxychloroquine, methotrexate, azathioprine, or mycophenolate mofetil	Saphnelo
Ophthalmology	Bevacizumab (Zirabev)	Eylea, Eylea HD, Byooviz, Cimerli, Lucentis, Vabysmo
Crohn's Disease	Humira and infliximab	Tysabri
Crohn's Disease Resistant Depression Unable to meet LDL goal + heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) or clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) Unable to tolerate statin therapy + heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) or clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) Iron Replacement High Cholesterol Erythropoietic Agents	Humira, infliximab Oral Anti-depressants Lipitor or Crestor  Two attempts with statin therapy  Venofer/Infed/Ferrecit/Fereheme Repatha or Praulent Retacrit	Entyvio (Crohn's disease) Spravato Leqvio (inclisiran)  Leqvio (inclisiran)  Triferic/Injectafer/Monoferric/Triferic AVNU Eveeka Procrit