



**UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Rhode Island  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018 Preferred Drug List Update**

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan’s Preferred Drug List (PDL) is updated quarterly by our Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. Please review the changes and update your references as necessary.

You may also view the changes at [UHCprovider.com](http://UHCprovider.com) > Health Plans by State > Choose Your State > Medicaid (Community Plan) > Pharmacy Resources and Physician Administered Drugs.

We provided a list of available alternatives to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members whose current treatment includes a medication removed from the PDL. Please provide affected members a prescription for a preferred alternative in one of the following ways:

- Call or fax the pharmacy.
- Use e-Script.
- Write a new prescription and give it directly to the member.

If a preferred alternative is not appropriate, please call **800-310-6826** for prior authorization for the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member to remain on their current medication.

**Changes will be effective October 1, 2018**

**PDL Additions**

<b>Brand Name</b>	<b>Generic Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Biktarvy <sup>®</sup>	Bictegravir-emtricitabine-tenofovir alafenamide tablet	Indicated for the treatment of HIV-1 infection. Prior authorization required.
Cetylev <sup>®</sup>	Acetylcysteine	Indicated for treatment of acetaminophen overdose.
Cimduo <sup>™</sup>	Lamivudine-tenofovir disoproxil tablet	Indicated for the treatment of HIV-1 infection.
Duavee <sup>®</sup>	Conjugated estrogens/bazedoxifene	Indicated for estrogen replacement.
Eliquis <sup>®</sup>	Apixaban tablet and starter pack	Indicated for prophylaxis and treatment of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism. Diagnosis required.
Elidel <sup>®</sup>	Pimecrolimus	Indicated for treatment of mild to moderate atopic dermatitis. Step therapy required.
Evotaz <sup>™</sup>	Atazanavir-cobicistat tablet	Indicated for the treatment of HIV-1 infection.
Mitigare <sup>™</sup>	Colchicine	Indicated for prevention of gout.
Ranexa <sup>®</sup>	Ranolazine	Indicated for treatment of chronic angina. Step therapy required.
Savaysa <sup>®</sup>	Edoxaban tablet	Indicated for treatment of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism. Diagnosis required.
Symdeko <sup>™</sup>	Tezacaftor-ivacaftor tablet	Indicated for the treatment of cystic fibrosis. Prior authorization required. Available through specialty pharmacy.
Symfi/Symfi Lo <sup>™</sup>	Efavirenz-lamivudine-tenofovir disoproxil tablet	Indicated for the treatment of HIV-1 infection.

Strattera*™	Atomoxetine capsule	Indicated for the treatment of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Diagnosis required.
Trulance™	Plecanatide tablet	Indicated for the treatment of chronic idiopathic constipation and irritable bowel syndrome with constipation (IBS-C). . Step therapy and diagnosis required.
Veltassa®	Patiromer	Indicated for treatment of hyperkalemia.
Xiidra®	Lifitegrast ophthalmic	Indicated for treatment of dry eye disease. Step therapy required.

\*Only generics are preferred.

#### Removed from PDL

Brand Name	Generic Name	Comments
Atripla™	Efavirenz-emtricitabine-tenofovir disoproxil tablet	Alternative agents are available including Symfi and Symfi Lo. Current users will be grandfathered.
Non-BD Insulin Syringes and Pen Needles	Non-BD Insulin Syringes and Pen Needles	BD insulin syringes and pen needles will remain preferred. All other manufacturer's insulin syringes and pen needles will be non-preferred. Current utilizers will not be grandfathered.
Xarelto®	Rivaroxaban tablet and starter pack	Alternative agents are available including Eliquis and Savaysa. Current users will be grandfathered.

#### PDL Update Training on UHC On Air

Effective October 1, 2018, UHC On Air will have an on-demand video highlighting this quarter's more impactful PDL changes.

- UnitedHealthcare Link users can access **UHC On Air** by selecting the UHC On Air tile on their Link dashboard. From there, go to **Rhode Island**, and click on **UHC Community Plan**. You'll find the Preferred Drug List Q4 Update in the videos listings.
- To access Link, go to UHCprovider.com and sign in by clicking the Link button in the top right corner. If you don't have access to Link, select the New User button.
- To learn more about Link, please visit [UHCprovider.com/link](http://UHCprovider.com/link).

If you have any questions, please call UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's Pharmacy Department at 800-310-6826. Thank you.