



Prescribing Guide Change Summary Report

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This report highlights all changes (additions and deletions) to the CVS/caremark Prescribing Guide.

ADDITIONS:

Product	Therapeutic Category/ Subcategory	Indication	Alternatives/Comments
Brand Agents:			
Auvi-Q (epinephrine)	Respiratory/ Anaphylaxis Treatment Agents	Auvi-Q is indicated in the emergency treatment of allergic reactions (Type I) including anaphylaxis.	To provide an additional anaphylaxis therapy option with voice instructions to ensure appropriate use.
Butrans (buprenorphine) transdermal	Analgesics/ Opioid Analgesics	Butrans is indicated for the management of moderate to severe chronic pain in patients requiring a continuous, around-the-clock opioid analgesic for an extended period of time.	To provide a transdermal buprenorphine therapy option that is administered once weekly for patients who require continuous, around-the-clock opioid analgesic for an extended period of time that is administered once weekly.
Duavee (conjugated estrogens/ bazedoxifene)	Endocrine and Metabolic/ Estrogen/Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulator (SERM) Combinations	Duavee is indicated for treatment of the following conditions in women with a uterus: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treatment of moderate to severe vasomotor symptoms associated with menopause.• Prevention of postmenopausal osteoporosis.	To provide the only combination SERM/conjugated estrogen therapy option for the treatment of vasomotor symptoms associated with menopause and prevention of postmenopausal osteoporosis.

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<p>Eliquis (apixaban)</p>	<p>Hematologic/ Anticoagulants/Oral</p>	<p>Eliquis is indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce the risk of stroke and systemic embolism in patients with nonvalvular atrial fibrillation. • For the prophylaxis of deep vein thrombosis, which may lead to pulmonary embolism, in patients who have undergone hip or knee replacement surgery. 	<p>To provide an alternative oral anticoagulant therapy option with a lower potential for drug and food interactions and lower adverse events than warfarin.</p>
<p>Iclusig (ponatinib)</p>	<p>Antineoplastic Agents/ Kinase Inhibitors</p>	<p>Iclusig is indicated for the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment of adult patients with T315I-positive chronic myeloid leukemia (chronic phase, accelerated phase, or blast phase) or T315I-positive Philadelphia chromosome positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia (Ph+ ALL). • Treatment of adult patients with chronic phase, accelerated phase, or blast phase chronic myeloid leukemia or Ph+ ALL for whom no other tyrosine kinase inhibitor therapy is indicated. 	<p>To provide a therapy option that is effective against a difficult form of CML that does not respond to other tyrosine kinase inhibitor therapies.</p>

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Linzess (linaclotide)	Gastrointestinal/ Irritable Bowel Syndrome/ Irritable Bowel Syndrome with Constipation	Linzess is indicated in adults for treatment of: • Irritable bowel syndrome with constipation • Chronic idiopathic constipation	To provide a therapy option for the treatment of irritable bowel syndrome with constipation and chronic idiopathic constipation that may also improve abdominal pain symptoms.
Mirapex ER (pramipexole extended-release)	Central Nervous System/ Antiparkinsonian Agents	Mirapex ER is indicated for the treatment of the signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease.	To provide an extended-release therapy option that may be administered once daily for the treatment of Parkinson's disease.
Namenda XR (memantine extended-release)	Central Nervous System/ Antidementia	Namenda XR is indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe dementia of the Alzheimer's type.	To provide an extended-release therapy option for the treatment of moderate to severe dementia of the Alzheimer's type with a novel mechanism of action compared with other oral agents, as the immediate release formulation of Namenda is no longer manufactured.
Sovaldi (sofosbuvir)	Anti-infectives/ Antiretrovirals/ Hepatitis Agents/Hepatitis C	Sovaldi is indicated for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C infection as a component of a combination antiviral treatment regimen.	To provide a highly efficacious and well tolerated agent with a shorter treatment course than currently available products and an agent that is recommended as primary treatment in treatment guidelines.
Stribild (elvitegravir/ cobicistat/ emtricitabine/	Anti-infectives/ Antiretroviral Agents/ Antiretroviral Combinations	Stribild is indicated as a complete regimen for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) infection in adults	To provide a complete fixed-dose combination preferred regimen for patients with HIV infection.

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tenofovir)		who are antiretroviral treatment-naïve.	
Suclear (peg 3350/ electrolytes)	Gastrointestinal/ Laxatives	Suclear is indicated for cleansing of the colon in preparation for colonoscopy in adults.	To provide a low-volume bowel preparation therapy option that may be more palatable to patients and may improve adherence compared to generic formulations.
Supartz (sodium hyaluronate)	Analgesics/ Viscosupplements	Supartz is indicated for the treatment of pain in osteoarthritis of the knee in patients who have failed to respond adequately to conservative non-pharmacologic therapy and simple analgesics, e.g., acetaminophen.	To provide an additional therapy option with similar efficacy to the category agents.
Velphoro (sucroferic oxyhydroxide)	Endocrine and Metabolic/ Phosphate Binder Agents	Velphoro is indicated for the control of serum phosphorus levels in patients with chronic kidney disease on dialysis.	To provide an additional therapy option with a lower pill burden than other category agents and may improve patient adherence.
Zelapar (selegiline) orally disintegrating tablets	Central Nervous System/ Antiparkinsonian Agents	Zelapar is indicated as an adjunct in the management of patients with Parkinson's disease being treated with levodopa/carbidopa who exhibit deterioration in the quality of their response to this therapy.	To provide an orally disintegrating tablet therapy option for patients who may have trouble swallowing oral formulations.

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Generic Agents:			
amphetamine-dextroamphetamine mixed salts	Central Nervous System/ Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	Amphetamine/dextroamphetamine mixed salts is indicated for the treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and narcolepsy.	To provide an additional generic therapy option.
norethindrone acetate/EE 1/20 and iron - Lomedia 24 Fe	Endocrine and Metabolic/ Contraceptives/Monophasic/ 20 mcg Estrogen	Lomedia 24 Fe is indicated for the prevention of pregnancy in women who elect to use oral contraceptives as a method of contraception.	To provide an additional generic therapy option.

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Apokyn (apomorphine)	Central Nervous System/ Antiparkinsonian Agents	Apokyn is indicated for the acute, intermittent treatment of hypomobility, "off" episodes ("end-of-dose wearing off" and unpredictable "on/off" episodes) associated with advanced Parkinson's disease.	Removal of agent with relatively limited clinical role.
Fosrenol (lanthanum)	Endocrine and Metabolic/ Phosphate Binder Agents	Fosrenol is indicated to reduce serum phosphate in patients with end stage renal disease.	Availability of other phosphate binder agents with similar indications. Alternatives on the Prescribing Guide include calcium acetate (Phoslo), calcium acetate tablets, Phoslyra (calcium acetate), Renvela (sevelamer carbonate) and Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide).
Kristalose (lactulose)	Gastrointestinal/ Laxatives	Kristalose is indicated for the treatment of constipation. In patients with a history of chronic constipation, lactulose therapy increases the number of bowel movements per day and the number of days on which bowel movements occur.	Availability of other therapy options with similar efficacy and indications. Alternatives on the Prescribing Guide include lactulose and polyethylene glycol 3350 (Miralax).

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Orthovisc (sodium hyaluronate)	Analgesics/ Viscosupplements	Orthovisc is indicated in the treatment of pain in osteoarthritis of the knee in patients who have failed to respond adequately to conservative non-pharmacologic therapy and simple analgesics, e.g., acetaminophen.	Availability of other therapy options with similar efficacy and indications. Alternatives on the Prescribing Guide include Gel-One (sodium hyaluronate), Hyalgan (sodium hyaluronate) and Supartz (sodium hyaluronate).
Sabril (vigabatrin)	Central Nervous System/ Anticonvulsants	Sabril is indicated for refractory complex partial seizures in adults and monotherapy for patients with infantile spasms (IS) one month to two years of age.	Removal of an agent with significant safety concerns and a relatively limited clinical role. Alternatives for complex partial seizures in adults on the Prescribing Guide include carbamazepine (Tegretol), carbamazepine extended-release (Carbatrol), carbamazepine extended-release (Tegretol-XR), divalproex sodium delayed-release (Depakote), divalproex sodium extended-release (Depakote ER), gabapentin (Neurontin), lamotrigine (Lamictal), lamotrigine extended-release (Lamictal XR), levetiracetam (Keppra), levetiracetam extended-release (Keppra XR), oxcarbazepine (Trileptal), phenobarbital, phenytoin (Dilantin Infatabs), phenytoin sodium extended (Dilantin), primidone (Mysoline), tiagabine (Gabitril), topiramate (Topamax), valproic acid (Depakene), zonisamide (Zonegran) and Lamictal ODT (lamotrigine) orally disintegrating tablets.

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