Mental Health Formulary

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Medications from the American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS) therapeutic classes listed below are included in the Maryland Medicaid Mental Health Formulary. These mental health medications are carved out of the MCO pharmacy benefit and are payable as Fee-for-Service (FFS) through Maryland Medical Assistance. Some of these medications are subject to the prior authorization requirements of the Preferred Drug List (PDL) and clinical criteria.

Refer to following links for:
Preferred Drug List (PDL): https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/pap/pages/Preferred-Drug-List.aspx
Clinical Criteria: https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/pap/Pages/Clinical-Criteria.aspx

The following five medications, which may be used for some mental health indications, are not payable FFS, unless otherwise noted, and are the responsibility of the HealthChoice MCOs for their enrollees regardless of the prescriber.

- clonidine*
- guanfacine*
- leuprolide acetate**
- liothyronine
- medroxyprogesterone**

* Generic clonidine (Catapres), and the generic guanfacine (Tenex) remain medications for which coverage is the responsibility of the member's Managed Care Organization. For recipients 6 – 17 years old, the extended-release forms of guanfacine (Intuniv) and clonidine (Kapvay) are included on the mental health formulary and billed FFS. For individuals not in this age range, guanfacine ER and clonidine ER will continue to be part of the MCO pharmacy benefit.

** When leuprolide acetate or medroxyprogesterone is used for the treatment of adult males with certain diagnosed behavioral disorders, these two medications will be paid FFS, but will require preauthorization (PA) through the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy CAMP program at 410-706- 3431.

Please note: Brand medications which currently do not have a generic equivalent are listed by brand name. Those medications currently available generically are listed by generic name.

Therapeutic Class	Medications
Central Alpha-Agonists **AHFS Class No. 242400**	clonidine ER (carved out to FFS for recipients 6-17 years old) guanfacine ER (carved out to FFS for recipients 6-17 years old) Onyda XR (carved out to FFS for recipients 6-17 years old)

Therapeutic Class	Medications
Anticonvulsants, Benzodiazepines AHFS Class No. 281208	clobazam (multiple formulations) clonazepam (multiple formulations) Sympazan
Ion Channel Inhibition Agents AHFS Class No. 281224	eslicarbazepine lacosamide (multiple formulations) Motpoly XR oxcarbazepine (multiple formulations) rufinamide (multiple formulations) Xcopri zonisamide
GABA-Mediated Anticonvulsants AHFS Class No. 281228	Diacomit (multiple formulations) divalproex (multiple formulations) gabapentin (multiple formulations, excludes Horizant and Gralise) Gabarone pregabalin (multiple formulations, excludes Lyrica CR) tiagabine valproic acid (multiple formulations) vigabatrin (multiple formulations) Relgaabi Ztalmy
Anticonvulsants, Miscellaneous AHFS Class No. 281292	brivaracetam (multiple formulations) carbamazepine (multiple formulations) Epidiolex Elepsia XR Equetro felbamate (multiple formulations) Fintepla lamotrigine (multiple formulations) levetiracetam (multiple formulations) perampanel (multiple formulations) Spritam Subvenite topiramate (multiple formulations)

Therapeutic Class	Medications
Antidepressants **AHFS Class No. 281604**	amitriptyline amitriptyline/chlordiazepoxide amoxapine Auvelity bupropion (multiple formulations) citalopram (multiple formulations) clomipramine desipramine desvenlafaxine (multiple formulations) doxepin (multiple formulations, excludes topical cream) Drizalma Sprinkle duloxetine escitalopram (multiple formulations) Exxua Fetzima fluoxetine (multiple formulations) fluvoxamine (multiple formulations) imipramine Marplan mirtazapine (multiple formulations) nefazodone nortriptyline olanzapine/fluoxetine paroxetine (multiple formulations, excludes 7.5 mg capsules) perphenazine/amitriptyline phenelzine protriptyline Raldesy sertraline (multiple formulations) Spravato tranylcypromine trazodone trimipramine Trintellix venlafaxine (multiple formulations) vilazodone Zurzuvae

Therapeutic Class	Medications
Antipsychotic Agents **AHFS Class No. 281608**	Abilify Asimtufii Abilify Maintena Adasuve aripiprazole (multiple formulations) Aristada Aristada Initio asenapine Bysanti Caplyta chlorpromazine clozapine (multiple formulations) Cobenfy Erzofri Fanapt fluphenazine (multiple formulations) haloperidol (multiple formulations) Invega Hafyera Invega Sustenna Invega Trinza loxapine lurasidone Lybalvi molindone Nuplazid olanzapine (multiple formulations) Opipza paliperidone perphenazine Perseris pimozide quetiapine (multiple formulations) Rexulti risperidone (multiple formulations) Risperdal Consta Secuado thioridazine thiothixene trifluoperazine Uzedy Versacloz Vraylar ziprasidone (multiple formulations) Zyprexa Relprevv

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Amphetamines **AHFS Class No. 282004**	Adzenys XR-ODT amphetamine (multiple formulations) amphetamine salt combo (multiple formulations) Arynta dextroamphetamine (multiple formulations) Dyanavel XR lisdexamfetamine (multiple formulations) methamphetamine Xelstrym
Respiratory and CNS Stimulants **AHFS Class No. 282032**	Aptensio XR atomoxetine (multiple formulations) Azstarys dexmethylphenidate (multiple formulations) Jornay PM methylphenidate (multiple formulations) Qelbree Quillichew ER Quillivant XR
Wakefulness-Promoting Agents **AHFS Class No. 282080**	armodafinil modafinil Sunosi Wakix (only the listed drugs are carved out to FFS in this AHFS drug class)
Benzodiazepines (Anxiolytic, Sedative/Hypnotics) **AHFS Class No. 282408**	alprazolam (multiple formulations) chlordiazepoxide clorazepate diazepam (multiple formulations) estazolam flurazepam lorazepam (multiple formulations) Loreev XR midazolam (multiple formulations) Nayzilam oxazepam quazepam temazepam triazolam Valtoco
Non-Benzodiazepine Anxiolytics **AHFS Class No. 282412**	Bucapsol buspirone meprobamate
Orexin Receptor Antagonists **AHFS Class No. 282440**	Belsomra Dayvigo Quviviq

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Non-Benzodiazepine Hypnotics **AHFS Class No. 282444**	Edluar eszopiclone zaleplon zolpidem (multiple formulations)
Melatonin Receptor Agonists **AHFS Class No. 282448**	Hetlioz LQ ramelteon tasimelteon
Anxiolytics, Sedatives and Hypnotics, Miscellaneous **AHFS Class No. 282492**	hydroxyzine (multiple formulations) Igalmi (only the listed drugs are carved out to FFS in this AHFS drug class)
Antimanic Agents **AHFS Class No. 282800**	lithium (multiple formulations)
Anticholinergic Agents **AHFS Class No. 283608**	benztropine (multiple formulations) trihexyphenidyl (multiple formulations)
Monoamine Oxidase B Inhibitors **AHFS Class No. 283632**	Emsam (only drug carved out to FFS in this AHFS drug class)
Vesicular Monoamine Transport 2 Inhibitors **AHFS Class No. 285600**	Ingrezza (only drug carved out to FFS in this AHFS drug class)
Dopamine Receptor Antagonists **AHFS Class No. 562212**	droperidol (only drug carved out to FFS in this AHFS drug class)