

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 in italics. Those medications currently available generically are listed by generic name.

| Therapeutic Class | Medications |
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| Central Alpha-Agonist AHFS Class No. 242400 | clonidine ER (carved out to FFS for recipients 6-17 years old) guanfacine ER (for recipients 6-17 years old) Onyda XR (carved out to FFS for recipients 6-17 years old) |
| Anticonvulsants, Benzodiazepines AHFS Class No. 281208 | clobazam (multiple formulations) clonazepam (multiple formulations) Sympazan |
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| Agents AHFS Class No. 281224 | Motpoly XR oxcarbazepine (multiple formulations) Oxtellar XR rufinamide lacosamide (multiple formulations) Xcopri Zonisamide |
| GABA-Mediated Anticonvulsants AHFS Class No. 281228 | Diacomit (multiple formulations) divalproex (multiple formulations) gabapentin (multiple formulations exclude Horizant and Gralise) pregabalin (multiple formulations, excludes Lyrica CR) tiagabine valproic acid (multiple formulations) vigabatrin (multiple formulations) Ztalmly |
| Anticonvulsants, Miscellaneous AHFS Class No. 281292 | Briviact (multiple formulations) carbamazepine (multiple formulations) Epidiolex Elepsia XR Eprontia Equetro felbamate (multiple formulations) Fintepla Fycompa (multiple formulations) lamotrigine (multiple formulations) levetiracetam (multiple formulations) Spritam topiramate (multiple formulations) |
| Antidepressants AHFS Class No. 281604 | amitriptyline amoxapine Auvelity bupropion (multiple formulations) citalopram (multiple formulations) clomipramine desipramine desvenlafaxine (multiple formulations) doxepin Drizalma Sprinkle duloxetine escitalopram (multiple formulations) Fetzima fluoxetine (multiple formulations) flvoxamine (multiple formulations) imipramine Marplan mirtazapine (multiple formulations) nefazodone |

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| | nortriptyline olanzapine/fluoxetine paroxetine (multiple formulations) perphenazine/amitriptyline phenelzine protriptyline sertraline (multiple formulations) Spravato tranylcyromine trazodone trimipramine Trintellix venlafaxine (multiple formulations) vilazodone Zuruvae |
| Antipsychotic Agents AHFS Class No. 281608 | Abilify Asimtufii Abilify Maintena Abilify MyCite Adasuve aripiprazole (multiple formulations) Aristada Aristada Initio asenapine Caplyta chlorpromazine clozapine (multiple formulations) Cobenfy Fanapt fluphenazine (multiple formulations) haloperidol (multiple formulations) Invega Hafyera Invega Sustenna Invega Trinza Loxapine lurasidone Lybalvi molindone Nuplazid olanzapine (multiple formulations) paliperidone perphenazine Perseris pimozide quetiapine (multiple formulations) Rexulti risperidone (multiple formulations) Risperdal Consta Rykindo |

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| | <p>Secuado thioridazine thiothixene trifluoperazine Udezy Versacloz Vraylar ziprasidone (multiple formulations) Zyprexa Relprevv</p> |
| <p>Amphetamines AHFS Class No. 282004</p> | <p>Adzenys XR-ODT amphetamine (multiple formulations) amphetamine salt combo (multiple formulations) dextroamphetamine (multiple formulations) Dyanavel XR Evekeo ODT Lisdexamfetamine (multiple formulations) methamphetamine Mydayis Xelstryl Zenzedi</p> |
| <p>Respiratory and CNS Stimulants AHFS Class No. 282032</p> | <p>Aptensio XR atomoxetine Azstarys Cotempla XR-ODT Daytrana dexmethylphenidate (multiple formulations) Jornay PM methylphenidate (multiple formulations) Qelbree Quillichew ER Quillivant XR Relexxii</p> |
| <p>Wakefulness-Promoting Agents AHFS Class No. 282080</p> | <p>armodafinil modafinil Sunosi Wakix</p> |
| <p>Benzodiazepines (Anxiolytic, Sedative/Hypnotics) AHFS Class No. 282408</p> | <p>alprazolam (multiple formulations) chlordiazepoxide clorazepate diazepam (multiple formulations) estazolam flurazepam Libervant lorazepam (multiple formulations) Loreev XR midazolam Nayzilam</p> |

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| | oxazepam temazepam triazolam Valtoco |
| Non-Benzodiazepine Anxiolytics AHFS Class No. 282412 | Buspirone Meprobamate |
| Orexin Receptor Antagonists AHFS Class No. 282440 | Belsomra Dayvigo Quviviq |
| 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 | chloral hydrate droperidol hydroxyzine (multiple formulations) Iglami |
| 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 Transport2 Inhibitor AHFS Class No. 285600 | Ingrezza (only drug carved out to FFS in this AHFS drug class) |