

# Apple Health Preferred Drug List Update

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In January 2018, the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) began a phased rollout of a single Apple Health (Medicaid) preferred drug list (PDL), in partnership with the managed care plans that serve Apple Health members. The rollout will continue throughout 2020. The next phase began Aug. 1, 2020, with the addition and removal of certain medications from the PDL.

Here's information about those changes. You can also go to [hca.wa.gov](http://hca.wa.gov) > Pharmacy or visit [UHCprovider.com](http://UHCprovider.com) > Pharmacy Resources and Physician Administered Drugs. If you have questions, call Provider Services at **877-542-9231**.

## Drug classes involved in update

### Antibiotics, oral

- 3<sup>rd</sup> generation cephalosporins
- Glycopeptides

### Antidiabetics

- Glucagon-like peptide-1 agonist (GLP-1 Agonist)

### Antivirals

- HIV agents
- HIV combinations

### Gastrointestinal Agents

- Phosphate binders

### Hematological Agents

- Hereditary angioedema (HAE) agents

### Oncology Agents

- LHRH analogs, injectable

### Pulmonary Hypertension Agents

- Prostacyclin receptor agonists

## Drug Classes being added to the PDL

### Glycopeptide Antibiotics, oral

- Firvanq

### HIV Agents

- Pifeltro

### HIV Combinations

- Cimduo
- Evotaz
- Kaletra

### Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) Agents

- Kalbitor

## Medications Removed from the Apple Health PDL

These alternate medication options can be prescribed to members taking one of the medications being removed from the PDL.

Medication Removed	Alternate Medication Options
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Cephalosporins, oral</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cefixime (all dosage forms)</li><li>• Suprax (all dosage forms)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cefdinir (generic)</li><li>• Cefditoren (generic)</li><li>• Cefpodoxime</li></ul>
<b>Glycopeptide Antibiotics, oral</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vancomycin HCl, oral solution (generic)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Firvanq</li></ul>
<b>Glucagon-like peptide-1 agonist (GLP-1 Agonist)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bydureon BCise</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bydureon pen</li><li>• Byetta</li><li>• Victoza</li></ul>
<b>HIV Agents</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Descovy tablets</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Truvada</li><li>• Atripla</li><li>• Complera</li><li>• Genvoya</li><li>• Kaletra</li><li>• Odefsey</li><li>• Prezcoibix</li><li>• Stribild</li><li>• Triumeq</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lexiva tablets</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fosamprenavir calcium (generic)</li><li>• See PDL for additional options</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sustiva capsules and tablets</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Efavirenz capsules or tablets (generic)</li><li>• See PDL for additional options</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Viread tablets</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (generic)</li><li>• See PDL for additional options</li></ul>
<b>Phosphate Binding Agents</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fosrenol chew tablets</li><li>• Renvela packets and tablets</li><li>• Renagel tablets</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Calcium acetate (generic)</li><li>• Sevelamer carbonate (generic) with PA</li></ul>
<b>Hereditary Angioedema Agents</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ruconest</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Icatibant (generic) with PA</li><li>• Kalbitor with PA</li></ul>
<b>Pulmonary Hypertension Agents: Prostacyclin Receptor Agonists</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Upravi</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ventavis with PA</li><li>• Ambrisentan (generic) with PA</li><li>• Bosentan (generic) with PA</li></ul>