

To: Keystone First/Keystone First Community HealthChoices (CHC) Providers
Date: June 9, 2025
Re: Statewide Preferred Drug List (PDL) Changes

The Pennsylvania (PA) Department of Human Services (DHS) will implement changes to the statewide preferred drug list (PDL) on July 7, 2025. * As a reminder, DHS requires all Medical Assistance managed care organizations (MCOs) in the physical health HealthChoices and Community HealthChoices Plans to adhere to any statewide PDL updates. As such:

- Keystone First/Keystone First CHC continues to adhere to the Preferred and Non-preferred status and list of drugs included in the statewide PDL.
 - **Please see [Appendix A](#) for a list of drugs that will be changing from Preferred to Non-preferred for Keystone First/Keystone First CHC effective July 7, 2025.**

***Important note: Please keep in mind that until July 7, 2025, the current version of the statewide PDL is still in effect.**

Reminder:

- Keystone First/Keystone First CHC will maintain a list of Preferred and Non-preferred drugs in classes that are not included in the statewide PDL. This is called the Supplemental Formulary.
- Medication classes that are not included in the statewide PDL are reviewed and approved by the Keystone First/Keystone First CHC Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.
- The process for obtaining prior authorization remains the same. For more information about prior authorization:

Prior Authorization Request by:	Keystone First	Keystone First CHC
Phone	1-800-588-6767	1-866-907-7088
Fax	1-866-497-1387	1-855-851-4058
Online	www.keystonefirstpa.com	www.keystonefirstchc.com

Where can I see the changes?

The current PDL and 2025 PDL are available on DHS's Pharmacy website and at: <https://papdl.com/>. Additional resources including our plan Supplemental formularies are available on the Formulary page via www.keystonefirstpa.com → Pharmacy or www.keystonefirstchc.com → For Providers → Pharmacy Services. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Keystone First Pharmacy Services at 1-800-588-6767 or Keystone First CHC Pharmacy Services at 1-866-907-7088.

Sincerely,



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Appendix A: Statewide PDL drugs changing from Preferred to Non-preferred effective July 7, 2025*

Statewide PDL Drug Class Product	Preferred alternative options*
BLOOD GLUCOSE METERS AND TEST STRIPS	
<p>Ascensia Glucometers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contour-QL • Contour Next-QL • Contour Next EZ-QL • Contour Next Gen-QL • Contour Next One-QL • Contour Plus Blue-QL <p>Ascensia Test Strips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contour (50-count and 100-count)-QL • Contour Next (50-count and 100-count)-QL • Contour Plus-QL <p>Lifescan Glucometers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OneTouch Ultra2-QL • OneTouch Verio Flex-QL • OneTouch Verio Reflect-QL <p>Lifescan Test Strips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OneTouch Ultra-QL • OneTouch Verio-QL 	<p>Accu-Chek Glucometers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accu-Chek Guide-QL <p>Accu-Chek Test Strips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accu-Chek Guide-QL <p>Trividia Glucometers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • True MetrixQL • True Metrix Air-QL • Relion True Metrix Air-QL <p>Trividia Test Strips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • True Metrix-QL • Relion True Metrix-QL

QL = Quantity Limit

*Not an all-inclusive list, and some drugs may be subject to additional limits.

For a complete list of Preferred and Non-preferred drugs to be included in the 2025 Statewide PDL, as well as any limits associated with these drugs, please visit <https://papdl.com>.