

NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Anti-Infective – Topicals

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NYRx Preferred Drug List

Drugs in the Anti-Infectives – Topical drug class are included on the [NYRx Preferred Drug List \(PDL\)](#) and are subject to prior authorization (PA) requirements:

Preferred Drugs	Non-Preferred Drugs	Coverage Parameters
V. Dermatologic Agents		
Anti-Infectives – Topical		
clindamycin phosphate 1% solution, gel, lotion, swab (gen Cleocin T®) clindamycin phosphate/benzoyl peroxide gel 1.2%-5% (gen Duac®) erythromycin 2% solution, gel	Cleocin T® 1% lotion clindamycin phosphate foam 1% (gen Evoclin®) clindamycin phosphate gel 1% (gen Clindagel®) ^{MR} clindamycin phosphate/benzoyl peroxide gel 1%-5% (gen BenzaClin®) clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide gel pump 1.2%-3.75% (gen Onexton®) clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide gel pump 1.2%-2.5% (gen Acanya®) erythromycin swab 2% erythromycin/benzoyl peroxide gel 3%-5% (gen Benzamycin®) Evoclin® 1% foam	

Similar generic formulations of brand drugs in this drug class may differ on their preferred or non-preferred location on the PDL. These drugs vary in their inactive ingredients, manufacturing processes, concentrations of active ingredients, or application frequency. **When clinically appropriate, prescribers should prescribe preferred drugs to decrease the need for a PA.**

Clindamycin gel:

- **Preferred:** clindamycin phosphate gel (generic of Cleocin T 1% - 30 grams and 60 grams).
- **Non-preferred:** clindamycin phosphate gel (generic of Clindagel 1% - 75 milliliters) ^{MR}.

Clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide gel:

- **Preferred:** clindamycin phosphate/benzoyl peroxide gel (generic of Duac 1.2%/5% - 45 grams).
- **Non-preferred:** clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide gel (generic of BenzaClin 1%/5% - 25 grams, 35 grams, and 50 grams, Onexton 1.2%/3.75% - 50 grams, Acanya 1.2%/2.5% - 50 grams).

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

Pharmacy providers and prescribers should become familiar with the NYRx PDL and incorporate this information when coordinating care for a Medicaid member.

Resources

- [NYRx Drug Utilization Review Program](#)
- [NYRx Education & Outreach Website](#)
- [NYRx Preferred Drug List](#)
- [NYRx Prior Authorization Submission Guide](#)

Contact Information

The NYRx Education & Outreach Call Center is available by phone at 1-833-967-7310 or by email at NYRxEO@primetherapeutics.com from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM ET, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

The NYRx Education & Outreach team hosts virtual office hours every week for stakeholders to ask questions related to NYRx and care coordination. Visit the [NYRx Education & Outreach website](#) for more information.