

NYRx Formulary Update: Xifaxan®

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What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

Effective **October 1, 2025**, Salix Pharmaceuticals, the manufacturer of Xifaxan®, will discontinue participation in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program. Xifaxan will no longer be covered by NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program. Prior authorization will not be available for this medication.

What Prescribers Need to Do

Prescribers should consider switching patients to an alternative preferred product. Preferred products typically do not require a prior authorization when prescribed according to the FDA labeling. To review a list of preferred products, refer to the [NYRx Preferred Drug Quick List](#). If a preferred product is not clinically appropriate, prescribers should review details about prior authorization requirements in the [NYRx Preferred Drug List \(PDL\)](#). For a complete list of drugs covered by NYRx, refer to the [Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs](#).

The following table highlights the Xifaxan (rifaximin) FDA-approved indications and their alternative treatment options:

Xifaxan (rifaximin) FDA-Approved Indications	Alternative Treatment Options
Treatment of travelers’ diarrhea caused by non-invasive strains of E. coli in patients ≥12 years of age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azithromycin • Ciprofloxacin • Levofloxacin
IBS-D in adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alosetron (Lotronex) • Antispasmodic Agents • Eluxadoline (Viberzi) • Loperamide • Tricyclic Antidepressants
Reduction in the risk of overt HE recurrence in adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neomycin

For members who require Xifaxan, if no alternative medication is available to treat their diagnosis, please have the member reach out to Bausch Health and apply for the [Bausch Health Patient Assistance Program](#).

Resources

- [NYRx Education & Outreach Website](#)

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.