

# NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Leukotriene Modifiers

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## NYRx Preferred Drug List

Drugs in the Leukotriene Modifier drug class are included on the [NYRx Preferred Drug List \(PDL\)](#) and are subject to prior authorization (PA) requirements of the NYRx Preferred Drug Program. When clinically appropriate, use of preferred agents is associated with comparable clinical outcomes and a significantly lower total cost of care. Non-preferred agents are often two to ten times more costly than preferred alternatives.

Preferred Drugs	Non-Preferred Drugs	Coverage Parameters
<b>XV. Respiratory</b>		
<b>Leukotriene Modifiers</b>		
montelukast tablet, chew tab	Accolate® montelukast granules Singulair® zafirlukast zileuton ER	

## Prior Authorization Requirements

- Preferred drugs will not require PA if the required coverage parameters are found in the member’s Medicaid claim history at the time of pharmacy claim submission. Providers should include all applicable diagnosis codes in a member’s electronic medical record (EMR) and submit their claims in a timely manner to decrease the need to manually obtain PA.
- Non-preferred drugs will require PA.

## What Pharmacy Providers Need to Do

Pharmacy providers should become familiar with the NYRx Leukotriene Modifier coverage criteria and the [PDL](#) and incorporate this information when discussing the need for PA with prescribers.

## What Prescribers Need to Do

Prescribers should become familiar with the Leukotriene Modifier coverage criteria and the [PDL](#) and incorporate this information when prescribing for Medicaid members.

## Resources

- [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](mailto: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.