

NYRx Notice to Providers: Anti-Infectives – Topical

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The following Anti-Infectives – Topical have been added to the [NYRx Cost Optimization Program](#):

- clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide 1.2%-3.75% gel
- clindamycin phosphate 1% foam, gel

Drugs added to the NYRx Cost Optimization Program have entered the market with **substantially higher** launch prices than equally efficacious, cost-effective alternatives. They lack additional clinical utility, while others lack clear medical necessity for those specific formulations and dosages. These drugs will now require a Manual Review by NYRx for consideration of coverage approval.

Some covered alternatives options include:

Drug Name	Cost-Optimization Medication	Preferred Covered Alternative Medications
clindamycin	phosphate 1% foam (generic Evoclin) phosphate 1% gel (generic Clindagel)	phosphate 1% gel, lotion, solution, swab (generic Cleocin T®)
clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide	1.2%-3.75% gel (generic Onexton)	1.2%-5% gel (generic Duac®)

Pharmacies: Please process a claim for the appropriate formulation of medications to prevent any delay in care for New York Medicaid members.

Additional clinically- and cost-effective options are available on the [NYRx Preferred Drug List \(PDL\)](#).

Preferred drugs will not require prior authorization if the required coverage parameters are found in the member’s Medicaid claim history at the time of pharmacy claim submission.



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 1% foam (gen Evoclin®) MR clindamycin phosphate gel 1% (gen Clindagel®) MR clindamycin phosphate/benzoyl peroxide gel 1%-5% (gen BenzaClin®) clindamycin phosphate/benzoyl peroxide gel pump (gen Onexton®) MR clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide gel pump 1.2%-2.5% (gen Acanya®) erythromycin swab 2% erythromycin/benzoyl peroxide gel 3%-5% (gen Benzamycin®)	

Resources

- [NYRx Education & Outreach Website](#)
- [NYRx Preferred Drug List](#)
- [NYRx Preferred Drug Quick 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.