

STEP THERAPY REQUIREMENTS FOR ANTI-VIRAL MEDICATIONS

Effective January 1, 2010 a step therapy requirement was added for the anti-viral medications Valtrex®, valacyclovir and famciclovir/Famvir®.

Valtrex®, its generic valacyclovir, acyclovir (generic for Zovirax®) and famciclovir (generic for Famvir®) are in the same medication class, used to treat viral infections. Your plan will require prior use of acyclovir before any other medication in this class will be covered. If for some reason acyclovir does not work well for you, famciclovir may then be prescribed. You must try both of these generics before Valtrex® or valacyclovir will be approved for coverage. These generic medications provide the same therapeutic results as Valtrex®.

Valtrex® and valacyclovir will be covered, only after acyclovir and famciclovir have been tried, at the third tier copayment: \$50 per 30-day supply at a retail pharmacy or \$125 per 90-day supply through Immediate Pharmaceutical Services, Inc. (IPS) mail service pharmacy. We have provided the table below for your convenience. If you are currently taking Valtrex®, please share this list with your physician and discuss which alternative is appropriate for you.

STATE OF OHIO COPAYMENT STRUCTURE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010

Medication	Copayment Tier	Retail Copayment	Mail Service Copayment
		30-day supply	90-day supply
acyclovir (generic for Zovirax)	Generic	\$10	\$25
famciclovir ¹ (generic for Famvir)	Generic	\$10	\$25
valacyclovir ²	Non-Preferred Brand	\$50	\$125
Famvir®	Non-Preferred Brand	\$50 + Penalty	\$125 + Penalty
Valtrex® ²	Non-Preferred Brand	\$50 + Penalty	\$125 + Penalty
Zovirax®	Non-Preferred Brand	\$50 + Penalty	\$125 + Penalty

¹Step Therapy with a course of acyclovir required

²Step Therapy with a course of acyclovir and famciclovir required

Please be aware that this is not an all-inclusive list and formulary changes can occur at any time due to changes in the marketplace. For more information regarding your pharmacy benefit program, please log on to www.catalystx.com where you can access a variety of online resources aimed at helping you make informed pharmacy decisions. If you have questions or concerns regarding your pharmacy benefit please call 1-866-854-8850.