



Step Therapy Criteria  
2026 MCSNP  
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## **BAFIERTAM THERAPY - UHCMR**

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### **Products Affected**

- Bafiertam

### **Details**

<b>Criteria</b>	
	Step 1: Generic dimethyl fumarate-containing product. Step 2: Bafiertam.

# DULOXETINE THERAPY - UHCMR

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## Products Affected

- Drizalma Sprinkle

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: Formulary, generic duloxetine. Step 2: Drizalma. Approve for continuation of prior therapy.
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# FANAPT THERAPY - UHCMR

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## Products Affected

- Fanapt
- Fanapt Titration Pack A
- Fanapt Titration Pack B
- Fanapt Titration Pack C

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: Two of the following oral, single-ingredient, formulary, generic atypical antipsychotics: asenapine, aripiprazole, paliperidone, olanzapine, quetiapine, risperidone, ziprasidone. Step 2: Fanapt. Approve for continuation of prior therapy.
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# RHO KINASE INHIBITOR THERAPY - UHCMR

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## Products Affected

- Rhopressa
- Rocklatan

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: Lumigan or generic latanoprost. Step 2: Rhopressa, Rocklatan.
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# RIVASTIGMINE PATCH THERAPY - UHCMR

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## Products Affected

- Rivastigmine Transdermal System

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: Generic, oral rivastigmine capsule. Step 2: Generic rivastigmine transdermal systems
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# SECUADO THERAPY - UHCMR

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## Products Affected

- Secuado

## Details

<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: Two of the following oral, single-ingredient, formulary, generic atypical antipsychotics: asenapine, aripiprazole, paliperidone, olanzapine, quetiapine, risperidone, ziprasidone. Step 2: Secuado. Approve for continuation of prior therapy.
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# SNRI THERAPY

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## Products Affected

- Fetzima
- Fetzima Titration Pack

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: Generic venlafaxine extended release capsules. Step 2: Fetzima. Approve for continuation of prior therapy.
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# TOPICAL IMMUNOMODULATOR THERAPY

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## Products Affected

- Pimecrolimus
- Tacrolimus OINT

## Details

<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: Any two of the following formulary topical agents: desonide ointment, hydrocortisone 2.5% cream, hydrocortisone 2.5% ointment, generic aug betamethasone 0.05%, fluocinonide 0.05%. Step 2: Generic pimecrolimus, generic tacrolimus topical
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# UCERIS ORAL THERAPY - UHCMR

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## Products Affected

- Budesonide Er

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: Generic mesalamine capsule 0.375g or generic mesalamine 1.2g, AND generic sulfasalazine. Step 2: Generic budesonide ER tablet
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# ULORIC THERAPY - UHCMR

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## Products Affected

- Febuxostat

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: Oral, generic allopurinol. Step 2: Generic febuxostat
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# ZONISADE SUSPENSION THERAPY

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## Products Affected

- Zonisade

## Details

<b>Criteria</b>	Step 1: Generic zonisamide capsule. Step 2: Zonisade suspension. Approve for continuation of prior therapy.
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