

MESSA Choices with 3-Tier Rx and MESSA ABC with 3-Tier Rx

List of drugs not covered by MESSA Choices with 3-Tier Rx and MESSA ABC with 3-Tier RX

To help keep the cost of your plan down, some expensive prescription drugs are not covered. These excluded drugs have preferred alternatives with similar effectiveness, quality and safety, but at a fraction of the cost to you and your plan.

All over the counter (OTC) medications are Not Covered with the exception of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) mandated OTC medications.

If you fill a prescription for an excluded drug, you'll pay the full retail price.

If you're currently using one of the excluded drugs, please ask your doctor to write you a prescription for one of the following preferred alternatives. We encourage you to talk to your doctor to find the right drug therapies that your health plan covers.

This list is current as of December 16, 2017. It is subject to change without notice. If you have a question about a drug that isn't covered and doesn't appear on this list, call MESSA Member Services at 800.336.0013.

Drug class: Anti-infectives		
Drug subclass	Excluded drug	Preferred alternatives
Antivirals	Viekira Pak™ Viekira XR™	Zepatier™
Cephalosporins	Daxbia™	cephalexin (Keflex)
Tetracyclines	Acticlate® CAP Targadox™ Ximino Capsule	doxycycline monohydrate (Monodox®) minocycline (Minocin®) tetracycline
Drug class: Central nervous system		
Drug subclass	Excluded drug	Preferred alternatives
Narcotics	Arymo™ ER Morphabond™ ER Troxyca® ER Vantrela™ ER Xtampza™ ER Oxaydo® Roxybond®	fentanyl patch (Duragesic®) hydromorphone ER (Exalgo®) methadone (MS Contin®) morphine sulfate ER (MS Contin®) hydromorphone immediate-release (Dilaudid) morphine sulfate immediate release (MSIR)

Drug class: Central nervous system		
Drug subclass	Excluded drug	Preferred alternatives
Migraine therapy	Allzital Acetaminophen/ Caffeine/ dihydrocodone	Butalbital/acetaminophen/caffeine Butalbital/aspirin/caffeine (Fiorinal) Butalbital/acetaminophen (Phrenilin)
Salicyclates	Yosprala™ Durlaza®	generic aspirin plus generic omeprazole (Prilosec®) Aspirin (Ecotrin®)
Skeletal muscle relaxants	Chlorzoxazone 250mg	Chlorzoxazone 500mg (Parafon Forte® DSC)
Narcotic agents	Evzio®	Naloxone hcl injection Naloxone nasal spray (Narcan®)
Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs	Duexis® Vimovo®	Ibuprofen (Motrin®) plus famotidine (Pepcid®) Naproxen plus a generic proton pump inhibitor (esomeprazole, lansoprazole, omeprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole)
Drug class: Dermatology:		
Drug subclass	Excluded drug	Preferred alternatives
Acne Treatment	Aczone® 7.5%	adapalene 1% cream/gel (Differin®) benzamycin/clindamycin gel (Benzaclin®) Tazorac® tretinoin (Retin-A®)
Antisoriatric and antiseborrheic	Siliq™	Cosentyx®, Enbrel®, Humira®, Otezla®, Stelara®, Taltz®
Corticosteroids — Medium Potency	Cordran® Lotion flurandrenolide lotion Locoid® Lotion Sernivo™	betamethasone dipropionate- cream, gel, lotion, ointment (Diprosone®) betamethasone valerate- cream, lotion, ointment (Valisone®) fluticasone- cream, lotion, ointment, spray (Cutivate®) hydrocortisone butyrate- cream, ointment, topical solution (Locoid®) mometasone- cream, ointment, topical solution (Elocon®) triamcinolone- cream, lotion, ointment (Aristocort, Kenalog®)

Corticosteroids — High to Very High Potency	Ultravate® Lotion Ultravate®-X	augmented betamethasone dipropionate- cream, ointment, lotion (Diprolene®) clobetasol propionate- cream, gel, ointment, topical solution (Clobex®) fluocinonide- cream, gel, ointment, topical solution (Lidex®, Lidex-E®) halobetasol propionate- cream, ointment (Ultravate®)
Topical Antibacterials	Centany®	Mupirocin cream, ointment (Bactorban®)

Drug class: Dermatology

Drug subclass	Excluded drug	Preferred alternatives
Topical Antifungals	Jublia® Kerydin® Onmel®	Topical ciclopirox (Penlac®) Oral itraconazole (Sporanox®) Oral terbinafine (Lamisil®) Griseofulvin (Gris-Peg®)

Drug class: Endocrinology

Drug subclass	Excluded drug	Preferred alternatives
Corticosteroids	ZonaCort Locort	dexamethasone
Non-Insulin hypoglycemic agents	Glumetza® Metformin ER (Glumetza®)	Metformin HCL (Glucophage®) Metformin HCL ER (Glucophage® XR, Fortamet®)

Drug class: Ophthalmology

Drug subclass	Excluded drug	Preferred alternatives
Ophthalmic Anti- inflammatory Agents	BromSite™	bromfenac (Bromday™, Xibrom™) diclofenac (Voltaren®) ketorolac (Acular®)

Drug class: Respiratory, cough and cold

Drug subclass	Excluded drug	Preferred alternatives
Antihistamines	Ryvent™	loratadine (Claritin®) levocetirizine (Xyzal®) cetirizine (Zyrtec®), carbinoxamine 4mg
Epinephrine	Auvi-Q® EpiPen® EpiPen Jr®	epinephrine 0.15 mg and 0.3 mg (Adrenaclick® authorized generic) epinephrine 0.15mg and 0.3 mg (EpiPen®/EpiPen Jr® authorized generic)

Inhaled steroid and beta-agonist combinations	AirDuo™ RespiClick	Advair® HFQA Breo® Ellipta® Dulera® Fluticasone Propionate/salmeterol (AirDuo™ RespiClick® authorized generic) Symbicort®
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Drug class: Diagnostic and other miscellaneous

Drug subclass	Excluded drug	Preferred alternatives
Chelating agents	Cuprimine®	Depen®

Drug class: Cardiovascular, hypertension, cholesterol

Drug subclass	Excluded drug	Preferred alternatives
Lipid-lowering agents	Altoprev®	Rosuvastatin (Crestor®) Atorvastatin (Lipitor®) Lovastatin (Mevacor®) Pravastatin (Pravachol®) Simvastatin (Zocor®) Fluvastatin (Lescol®, Lescol® XL)

Drug class: Gastrointestinal

Drug subclass	Excluded drug	Preferred alternatives
Ulcer therapy	Glycopyrrolate 1.5mg (Glycate™)	Glycopyrrolate 1mg, 2mg (Robinul®, Robinul® Forte)

Drug class: Urology

Drug subclass	Excluded drug	Preferred alternatives
Urinary antispasmodics	Oxytrol®	Oxybutynin (Ditropan®, Ditropan XL®) Tolterodine (Detrol®, Detrol® LA) Trospium (Sanctura®, Sanctra XR®)

Drug class: Central Nervous System

Drug subclass	Excluded drug	Preferred alternatives
CNS stimulants	Mydayis™ Cotempla XR-ODT™	Amphetamine/dextroamphetamine Extended release capsules (Adderall XR®) Methylphenidate extended release capsules (Metadate CD) Methylphenidate solution and chewable tablet (Methylin®)