

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 11, 2018. 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™	Epclusa®, Zepatier™
Cephalosporins	Daxbia™	Keflex®
Tetracyclines	Acticlate®, Targadox™, Ximino™	Monodox®, Minocin®, tetracycline
Drug Class: Cardiovascular, hypertension, cholesterol		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Beta-blockers and combinations	Kaspargo™ Sprinkle	Toprol®, Toprol® XL
Lipid-lowering agents	Altoprev®, Nikita™, Zypitamag™	Crestor®, Lescol®, Lescol® XL,

		Lipitor [®] , Mevacor [®] , Pravachol [®] , Zocor [®]
Drug Class: Central nervous system		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
CNS stimulants	Cotempla XR-ODT [™] , Mydayis [™]	Adderall XR ^{®*} , Metadate CD ^{®*} , Methylin [®] solution/chewable tablet *can be opened and sprinkled on applesauce
Migraine therapy	acetaminophen/caffeine/dihydrocodone, Allzital [®] , butalbital/acetaminophen 300mg, Midrin/Prodrin (HMO only)	Esgic [®] , Fiorinal [®] , Phrenilin [®] (butalbital/acetaminophen 325mg)
Narcotics	Arymo [™] ER, MorphaBond [™] ER, Troxyca [®] ER, Vantrela [™] ER, Xtampza [™] ER	Duragesic [®] , Exalgo [®] , methadone, MS Contin [®]
	Oxaydo [®] , Roxybond [™]	Dilaudid [®] , morphine sulfate immediate-release, oxycodone immediate-release
Narcotic antagonists and withdrawal management	Evzio [®]	naloxone injection, Narcan [®] nasal spray
Narcotic and analgesic combinations	Apadaz [™]	Norco [®] , Vicodin [®] , Vicoprofen [®]
	Nalocet, Primlev [™]	Percocet [®] , Percodan [®]
Nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)	Cambia [®]	Generic oral NSAID (such as Anaprox [®] , Indocin [®] , Lodine [®] , Mobic [®] , Motrin [®] (Rx only), Naprosyn [®] , Voltaren [®] , Voltaren [®] XR); Generic triptan (such as Imitrex, Maxalt [®] , Maxalt MLT [®] , Zomig [®] , Zomig ZMT [®])
	Duexis [®]	Motrin [®] (Rx only) plus Pepcid [®]
	Naprelan [®]	Generic oral NSAID (such as Anaprox [®] , Indocin [®] , Lodine [®] , Mobic [®] , Motrin [®] (Rx only), Naprosyn [®] , Voltaren [®] , Voltaren [®] XR)
	Vimovo [®]	naproxen (Naprosyn [®] or Anaprox [®]) plus a generic proton pump inhibitor (Aciphex [®] tablet, Nexium [®])

		capsule, Prilosec® capsule, Prevacid® capsule, Protonix® tablet)
Parkinsons disease and related disorders	Gocovri™, Osmolex ER™	Symmetrel®
Salicylates	Durlaza®	Ecotrin® (generic aspirin)
	Yosprala™	Ecotrin® (generic aspirin) plus Prilosec® capsule
Sedative and hypnotics	Zolpimist™	Ambien®, Lunesta®, Desyrel®, Sonata®
Skeletal muscle relaxants	chlorzoxazone 250mg	chlorzoxazone 500mg (Parafon Forte DSC®)
Drug Class: Dermatology		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Acne treatment	Absorica®	Claravis®, Myorisan®, Zenatane®
	Acticlate®, Coremino®, Minolira™, Solodyn®	Minocin®, Monodox®, Vibramycin®
	Aczone® 7.5%, Brevoxyl® (HMO only)	Differin®, Duac®, Benzaclin®, Retin-A®, Tazorac®
	adapalene 0.1% solution	adapalene (Differin®) cream or gel
	Clindagel®, clindamycin 1% gel (singlesource brand), Evoclin®	Cleocin-T®
	Onexton® (HMO only)	Benzaclin®, Duac®
	Retin-A Micro®	Atralin®, Avita®, Retin-A®
	Veltin®, Ziana®	Cleocin-T® plus generic topical tretinoin (Atralin®, Avita®, Retin-A®)
Antipsoriatic and antiseborrheic (Treatment of Psoriasis)	Siliq™	Cosentyx®, Humira®, Otezla®, Stelara®
Corticosteroids- medium potency	Cordran® 0.025% cream, Cordran® lotion (PPO only), flurandrenolide lotion (PPO), Locoid® lotion, Sernivo™	Aristocort®, Cutivate®, Diprosone®, Elocon®, Kenalog®, Locoid® cream/ointment/solution, Valisone®
Corticosteroids- high to very high potency	Impoyz™, Lexette, Ultravate® lotion, Ultravate-X®	Clobex®, Diprolene®, Lidex®, LidexE®, Ultravate® cream/ointment

Nonsteroidal anti- inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)	Dithol	General oral NSAID (such as Mobic [®] , Motrin [®] (Rx only), Naprosyn [®] , Voltaren [®] , Voltaren XR [®]), Voltaren [®] topical gel
Topical anesthetics	lidocaine 5% ointment and 2% gel, Synera [®]	Emla [®]
	ZTlido™	Lidoderm [®]
Topical antibacterials	Centany [®]	Bactroban [®] ointment
Topical antifungals	Jublia [®] , Kerydin [®] , Onmel [®]	Penlac [®] , Sporanox [®] , Lamisil [®] , GrisPeg [®]
Topical antineoplastic agents and immunomodulators	Carac [®] (HMO only), fluorouracil 0.5% cream (HMO only)	Tolak [®]
Drug Class: Diagnostic and other miscellaneous		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Chelating agents	Cuprimine [®]	Depen [®]
Drug Class: Endocrinology		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Corticosteroids	LoCort, TaperDex, ZoDex, ZonaCort	Decadron [®] , DexPak [®] , DexPak [®] Jr.
Insulins	Admelog [®] , Apidra [®] , Apidra [®] Solostar [®] , Humulin [®] (all forms except U-500) Humulin [®] Mix, Humalog [®] (except Junior Kwikpen), Humalog [®] Mix	Novolin [®] , Novolog [®] , Novolog [®] Mix
Non-insulin hypoglycemic agents	Glumetza [®]	Glucophage [®] , Glucophage [®] XR

Drug Class: Gastrointestinal		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Antidiarrheals and antispasmodics	Donnatal (HMO only), Donnatal Extentabs (HMO only)	Bentyl [®] , Levbid [®] , Levsin [®] , Librax [®]
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)	All PPIs (HMO only)	over-the-counter PPIs (such as Prilosec OTC [®] , Prevacid OTC [®])
	Zegerid [®]	over-the-counter Zegerid OTC [™]
Ulcer therapy	Glycate [™] (glycopyrrolate 1.5mg)	Robinul [®] , Robinul Forte [®] (glycopyrrolate 1mg, 2mg)
Miscellaneous gastrointestinal agents	Relistor [®] injection, Trulance [®]	Amitiza [®] , Glycolax [®] , lactulose, Linzess [®]
Drug Class: Obstetrics and gynecology		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Vaginal anti-infective and antifungal	Solosec [™]	Cleocin [®] vaginal cream, Flagyl [®] , Metrogel [®] -Vaginal
Drug Class: Ophthalmology		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Ophthalmic anti-inflammatory agents	Bromsite [™]	Acular [®] , Bromday [®] , Voltaren [®] , Xibrom [®]
Drug Class: Otic and nasal preparations		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Nasal preparations	All nasal steroids (HMO only)	over-the-counter nasal steroids (such as Flonase OTC [®] , Nasacort Allergy 24 HR [®] , Nasonex OTC [®])
	Xhance [™]	Astelin [®] , Flonase [®]

Drug Class: Respiratory, cough and cold

Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Antihistamines	All non-sedating antihistamines (HMO only)	over-the-counter non-sedating antihistamines (such as Claritin [®] OTC, Zyrtec [®] OTC)
	Ryvent [™] , Ryclora [™]	Atarax [®] , Benadryl [®] (Rx only), Claritin [®] , Histex PD [®] , Tavist [®] , Vistaril [®] , Xyzal [®] , Zyrtec [®]
Antitussives	hydrocodone-guaifenesin solution (single-source brand)	Hycodan [®]
Epinephrine	Auvi-Q [®] , EpiPen [®] , EpiPen [®] Jr	epinephrine 0.15mg and 0.3mg auto-injector
Inhaled steroids	Alvesco [®]	Arnuity [®] Ellipta [®] , Flovent [®] HFA, Flovent [®] Diskus, Pulmicort [®] Flexhaler [®] , Pulmicort [®] solution, Qvar [®] Redihaler [®]
Inhaled steroid and beta agonist combinations	AirDuo [™] Respiclick	Advair [®] HFA, Breo [®] Ellipta [®] , Dulera [®] , fluticasone propionate/salmeterol, Symbicort [®]

Drug Class: Urology

Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Urinary antispasmodics	Oxytrol [®]	Detrol [®] , Detrol LA [®] , Ditropan [®] , Ditropan [®] XL, Enablex [®] , Sanctura [®] , Sanctura [®] XR