

Prescription drug changes as of Jan. 1, 2026

As part of our ongoing efforts to provide safe, effective and affordable prescription coverage, we're updating our drug lists starting Jan. 1, 2026.

This document details:

- Drugs no longer covered as of Jan. 1, 2026 (Table 1)
- Brand-name drugs with higher copayments as of Jan. 1, 2026 (Table 2)
- Drugs discontinued by the manufacturer as of Jan. 1, 2026 (Table 3)
- Drugs with coverage requirement changes as of Jan. 1, 2026 (Table 4)

Please review these lists to see if a medication taken by you or a covered dependent has different coverage as of Jan. 1, 2026. You can search for a specific drug by hitting Ctrl-F on your keyboard and typing the name of the drug in the search box. For each drug, one or more covered alternatives is listed so you can discuss options with your doctor.

Your good health matters to us. We apologize for any inconvenience, and we are here to help. If you have any questions, please contact our Member Service Center at 800-336-0013 or connect with a member of the MESSA team via live chat or secure message through your [MyMESSA account](#) or the [MESSA app](#).

Drugs no longer covered as of Jan. 1, 2026

The drugs listed in Table 1 will no longer be covered starting Jan. 1, 2026. Unless noted, both the brand name and available generic equivalents will not be covered. If you fill a prescription for one of these drugs on or after Jan. 1, 2026, you will be responsible for the full cost.

Suggested covered alternatives that have similar effectiveness, quality and safety are listed. When pharmacies fill prescriptions with covered alternatives, the generic equivalents are dispensed, if available. Additional coverage requirements may apply for covered alternatives, such as prior authorization.

Table 1

Drugs that won't be covered	Affected Rx plan(s)	Common use or drug class	Covered alternatives*
Adder XR [®] , Concerta [®] , Vyvanse [®]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	ADHD	Amphetamine/dextroamphetamine, dexamethylphenidate, lisdexamphetamine, methylphenidate
Ala-scalp [®] lotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Topical anti-inflammatory	Betamethasone dipropionate lotion 0.05%, desonide lotion 0.05%, hydrocortisone lotion 2.5%
Alkindi [®] sprinkle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Corticosteroid	Dexamethasone oral solution, hydrocortisone tablet, prednisone oral solution
Almotriptan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Migraine	Rizatriptan, sumatriptan, zolmitriptan tablets
Alosetron 1mg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Irritable bowel syndrome	Alosetron 0.5mg tablet, lubiprostone
Analpram HC cream 2.5-1%, Analpram-HC lotion 2.5%, Lidocort [™]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Topical anti-inflammatory	Hydrocortisone-pramoxine cream, hydrocortisone suppository, lidocaine-hydrocortisone cream
Anzemet [®]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Antinausea	Granisetron, ondansetron

Arnuity® Ellipta®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Asthma	Asmanex®, Asmanex® HFA, Pulmicort Flexhaler™
Aspruzo® sprinkle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Heart conditions	Amlodipine, atenolol, metoprolol, ranolazine ER
Bimzelx®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx 	<p>Inflammatory conditions</p> <p>Discuss treatment options with your provider based on your indication.</p>	<p><u>Covered preferred products:</u> Enbrel®, Otezla®, Rinvoq®/Rinvoq® LQ, Simlandi®, Simponi®, Skyrizi®, Tremfya®, Xeljanz®/XR, Yesintek™</p> <p><u>Covered nonpreferred products:</u> Cimzia®, Cosentyx®, Orencia®, Sotyktu®, Taltz®</p>
Bimzelx®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	<p>Inflammatory conditions</p> <p>Discuss treatment options with your provider based on your indication.</p>	<p><u>Covered preferred products:</u> Enbrel®, Otezla®, Simlandi®, Simponi®, Tremfya®, Xeljanz®/XR, Yesintek™</p> <p><u>Covered nonpreferred products:</u> Cimzia®, Cosentyx®, Orencia®, Sotyktu®, Taltz®</p>
Brexafemme®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Antifungal	Fluconazole tablet, miconazole suppository, terconazole cream
Bronchitol®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Cystic fibrosis	Pulmozyme®, hypertonic sodium chloride nebulization
Capex® shampoo 0.01%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Topical anti-inflammatory	Betamethasone valerate lotion, flurandrenolide lotion, triamcinolone acetonide lotion
Cimduo®, Emtriva® solution, Intelence® tablet 25mg, Reyataz® packet, Stribild®, Tybost®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	HIV	Discuss treatment options with your doctor

Cycloset®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Diabetes	Glipizide, glyburide, metformin
Cystadrops®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Ocular anti-cystine agent	Cystaran®
Diclofenac sodium/misoprostol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Anti-inflammatory and GI protectant	Diclofenac sodium plus misoprostol
Duobrii®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Plaque psoriasis	Clobetasol 0.05%, fluocinonide 0.1%, halobetasol propionate plus generic tazarotene lotion
Duopa®, Onapgo™, Vyalev™	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Parkinson's disease	Carbidopa/levodopa, carbidopa/levodopa/entacapone
Elestrin®, Femring®, Menest®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Vasomotor symptoms	Estradiol gel, oral, or transdermal; Estratest® F.S.
Fluvastatin, fluvastatin ER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Dyslipidemic	Atorvastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin
Fragmin®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Anticoagulant	Enoxaparin, fondaparinux, heparin
Hetlioz® LQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Sleep agent for Smith-Magenis Syndrome (SMS)	Acebutolol in combination with over-the-counter melatonin, tasimelteon
HyperSal®, NebuSal™, PulmoSal™	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Respiratory agent	Sodium chloride nebulization

Intrarosa®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Menopause symptoms	Estradiol oral, estradiol ring, Imvexxy®, Premarin® vaginal cream
Iopidine®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Glaucoma	Apraclonidine 0.5% ophthalmic solution
Jylamvo®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Immunosuppressant	Methotrexate, Trex3-Tier Rx, Essentials, Balance+ Rx, 5-Tier Rx®
Levorphanol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Pain	Hydrocodone, morphine/ER, oxycodone, tramadol/ER
Levothyroxine (equivalent to Tirosint®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Hypothyroidism	Levothyroxine , Tirosint®, Tirosint-SOL®
Locoid Lipocream® 0.1%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Topical anti-inflammatory	Betamethasone valerate, hydrocortisone butyrate, hydrocortisone valerate creams
Lupkynis®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Lupus nephritis	Benlysta®, cyclophosphamide plus glucocorticoids (such as dexamethasone), mycophenolate mofetil plus glucocorticoids (such as dexamethasone)
Marplan®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Antidepressant	Citalopram, duloxetine, phenelzine, sertraline, tranylcypromine
Menostar®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Post menopausal osteoporosis prevention	Alendronate, estradiol, risedronate

Mytesi®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Antidiarrheal	Diphenoxylate-atropine, loperamide
Natesto®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx 	Androgen	Testosterone
Nitro-Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Heart conditions	Nitro-BID®, nitroglycerin patch or sublingual
Nityr®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Hereditary tyrosinemia type-1	Nitisinone capsule, Orfadin® oral suspension
Noxafil® Pak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Antifungal	Posaconazole
Nymalize®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Subarachnoid hemorrhage	Nimodipine capsule
Ocaliva®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Primary biliary cholangitis	Iqirvo®, Livdelzi®, ursodiol
Oriahnn®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Menstrual bleeding	Generic contraceptives (such as Camila, Gemmily), drospirenone/ethinyl estradiol, Myfembree®
Pitavastatin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Dyslipidemic	Atorvastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin

Rinvoq®/Rinvoq® LQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	<p>Inflammatory conditions</p> <p>Discuss treatment options with your provider based on your indication.</p>	<p><u>Covered preferred products:</u> Adbry®, Cibinqo®, Dupixent®, Enbrel®, Otezla®, Simlandi®, Simponi®, Tremfya®, Tyenne®, Xeljanz®/XR, Yesintek™</p> <p><u>Covered nonpreferred products:</u> Cimzia®, Cosentyx®, Entyvio®, Kevzara®, Kineret®, Olumiant®, Orenzia®, Taltz®, Zeposia®</p>
Sancuso®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Antinausea	Granisetron, ondansetron
Secuado®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Antipsychotic	Aripiprazole, clozapine, olanzapine, risperidone, quetiapine
Siklos®, Xromi®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Sickle cell anemia	Droxia®, hydroxyurea
Skyrizi®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	<p>Inflammatory conditions</p> <p>Discuss treatment options with your provider based on your indication.</p>	<p><u>Covered preferred products:</u> Enbrel®, Otezla®, Simlandi®, Simponi®, Tremfya®, Xeljanz®/XR, Yesintek™</p> <p><u>Covered nonpreferred products:</u> Cimzia®, Cosentyx®, Entyvio®, Orenzia®, Sotyktu®, Taltz®, Zeposia®</p>
Synarel®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Endometriosis	Discuss treatment options with your doctor
Tekturna HCT®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Heart conditions	Aliskiren plus hydrochlorothiazide, candesartan/hydrochlorothiazide, losartan/hydrochlorothiazide
Theo-24®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Lung conditions	Theophylline ER tablet, theophylline solution

Tolak® cream 4%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Actinic keratosis	Diclofenac sodium gel 3%, fluorouracil cream 5%, imiquimod cream 5%
Tracleer® 32mg oral suspension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Pulmonary antihypertensive	Ambrisentan, bosentan tablet, sildenafil, tadalafil
Trecator®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Tuberculosis	Discuss treatment options with your doctor
Xalkori®, Zykadia®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Antineoplastic	Alecensa®, Alunbrig®, Lorbrena®
Xatmep®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Immunosuppressant	Methotrexate, Trex3-Tier Rx, Essentials, Balance+ Rx, 5-Tier Rx®
Zolmitriptan NS, Zomig® NS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Migraine	Sumatriptan nasal spray, rizatriptan, zolmitriptan tablet

Brand-name drugs with higher copayments as of Jan. 1, 2026

The brand-name drugs listed in Table 2 have higher copayments starting Jan. 1, 2026. Suggested covered preferred alternatives that have similar effectiveness, quality and safety are listed for each drug. When pharmacies fill prescriptions with preferred alternatives, the generic equivalents are dispensed, if available. Additional coverage requirements, such as prior authorization, may apply for preferred alternatives.

Table 2

Drugs that will have a higher copayment**	Affected Rx plan(s)	Common use or drug class	Preferred alternatives
Entresto® sprinkle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Heart conditions	Sacubitril/valsartan tablets, enalapril, ivabradine, lisinopril, losartan, valsartan
Erleada®, Nubeqa®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Antiandrogen	Abirtega™, Xtandi®
Inbrija®, Nourianz®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Parkinson’s disease	Carbidopa/levodopa, carbidopa/levodopa/entacapone, pramipexole/ER, ropinirole/ER
Narcan® nasal spray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Opioid reversal	Naloxone nasal spray, Kloxxado®, Rextovy™
Narcan® nasal spray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Opioid reversal	Naloxone nasal spray, Kloxxado®, Rextovy™
Rhopressa®, Rocklatan®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Glaucoma	Bimatoprost, latanoprost, timolol ophthalmic solutions
Theo-24®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx 	Lung conditions	Theophylline ER tablet, theophylline solution

**Nonpreferred brand drugs may not be covered for members with a closed benefit.

Drugs discontinued by the manufacturer as of Jan. 1, 2026

The drugs listed in Table 3 will be discontinued by the manufacturer as of Jan. 1, 2026. A covered alternative is listed for each drug.

Table 3

Drugs that won't be covered	Affected Rx plan(s)	Common use or drug class	Covered alternatives
Lumakras® 120mg, 320mg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Antineoplastic	Lumakras® 240mg tablet
Vyndaqel®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Heart conditions	Vyndamax® 61mg

Drugs with coverage requirement changes as of Jan. 1, 2026

Drugs listed in Table 4 have changes to their coverage requirements as of Jan. 1, 2026. The changes are detailed below.

Table 4

Drugs with coverage requirement changes	Affected Rx plan(s)	Common use or drug class	Coverage requirement change
Dayvigo®, Quviviq®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx 	Sleep agent	Coverage requires failure of THREE of the following: immediate-release zolpidem (Ambien), eszopiclone (Lunesta), zaleplon (Sonata), trazodone (Desyrel), or doxepin (Silenor) AND Belsomra®.
Erleada®, Nubeqa®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx • 5-Tier Rx • Balance+ Rx • Essentials by MESSA Rx 	Antiandrogen	Coverage requires failure of Abirtega™ AND Xtandi®.
Jatenzo®, Tlando™	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Tier Rx 	Androgen	Coverage requires the following: 1. Diagnosis of male hypogonadism 2. Two signs and symptoms specific to testosterone deficiency 3. Trial and failure, contraindication or intolerance to one generic or preferred testosterone product (examples include generic Androgel and generic Depo-Testosterone) AND Kyzatrex™