

# MESSA excluded drugs

## List of drugs not covered by MESSA ABC with ABC Rx and MESSA Choices with Saver 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 March 4, 2020. 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.

<b>Drug Class: Anti-infectives</b>		
<b>Drug Subclass</b>	<b>Excluded Drug</b>	<b>Preferred Alternatives</b>
Antifungals	Tolsura <sup>®</sup>	Sporanox <sup>®</sup>
Antiretrovirals	Crixivan <sup>®</sup> , Rescriptor <sup>®</sup> , Trizivir <sup>®</sup> , Videx <sup>®</sup> /EC, Viracept <sup>®</sup> , Zerit <sup>®</sup>	Go to <a href="http://bcbsm.com">bcbsm.com</a> for a complete list of covered alternatives. Members should discuss treatment options with their doctors.
Tetracyclines	Acticlate <sup>®</sup> , Targadox <sup>®</sup> , Ximino <sup>®</sup>	Monodox <sup>®</sup> , Minocin <sup>®</sup> , tetracycline
<b>Drug Class: Antineoplastics and immunosuppressants</b>		
<b>Drug Subclass</b>	<b>Excluded Drug</b>	<b>Preferred Alternatives</b>
Hormonal agents	Yonsa <sup>®</sup> , Zytiga <sup>®</sup> 500mg	Zytiga <sup>®</sup> 250mg
<b>Drug Class: Cardiovascular, hypertension, cholesterol</b>		
<b>Drug Subclass</b>	<b>Excluded Drug</b>	<b>Preferred Alternatives</b>
Beta-blockers and combinations	Kaspargo <sup>®</sup> Sprinkle	Toprol <sup>®</sup> , Toprol <sup>®</sup> XL
Calcium channel blockers and combinations	Consensi <sup>®</sup>	Norvasc <sup>®</sup> plus Celebrex <sup>®</sup>

Lipid-lowering agents	Ezallor <sup>®</sup> , FloLipid <sup>®</sup> , simvastatin suspension <sup>1</sup> , Nikita <sup>®</sup> , Zypitamag <sup>®</sup>	Crestor <sup>®</sup> , Lescol <sup>®</sup> , Lescol <sup>®</sup> XL, Lipitor <sup>®</sup> , Mevacor <sup>®</sup> , Pravachol <sup>®</sup> , Zocor <sup>®</sup>
	Niacor <sup>®</sup>	Niaspan <sup>®</sup>
	fenofibrate 160mg tablet <sup>1</sup> , Fibracor <sup>®</sup>	Lofibra <sup>®</sup> , Tricor <sup>®</sup> , Trilipix <sup>®</sup>
	Welchol <sup>®</sup> chewable bar	Welchol <sup>®</sup> packets or tablets
Nitrates and combinations	Nitro-Dur <sup>®</sup> (brand only)	generic nitroglycerin patch
<b>Drug Class: Central nervous system</b>		
<b>Drug Subclass</b>	<b>Excluded Drug</b>	<b>Preferred Alternatives</b>
Antidepressants	Drizalma <sup>®</sup> Sprinkle <sup>®</sup>	Cymbalta <sup>®</sup> , Effexor <sup>®</sup> /XR, Pristiq <sup>®</sup>
	Aplenzin <sup>®</sup> , Forfivo <sup>®</sup> , bupropion XL 450mg tablet <sup>1</sup>	Wellbutrin <sup>®</sup> /SR/XL
Antipsychotics	Abilify Mycite <sup>®</sup>	Abilify <sup>®</sup>
CNS stimulants	Adhansia XR <sup>®</sup> , Cotempla XR-ODT <sup>®</sup> ,	Adderall XR <sup>®*</sup> , Metadate CD <sup>®*</sup> , Methylin <sup>®</sup> solution/chewable tablet *can be opened and sprinkled on applesauce
	Evekeo ODT <sup>®</sup> , Mydayis <sup>®</sup>	Adderall XR <sup>®</sup> , Concerta <sup>®</sup> , Focalin <sup>®</sup> /XR Metadate CD <sup>®</sup> , Methylin <sup>®</sup> , Strattera <sup>®</sup>
Migraine therapy	Bupap <sup>®</sup> (butalbital/acetaminophen 300mg), Vanatol LQ, Vanatol S	Esgic <sup>®</sup> , Fiorinal <sup>®</sup> , Phrenilin <sup>®</sup> (butalbital/acetaminophen 325mg)
	Dvorah <sup>®</sup>	Fioricet <sup>®</sup> w/codeine, Fiorinal <sup>®</sup> w/codeine
	Migergot <sup>®</sup>	Cafergot <sup>®</sup> , D.H.E. 45 <sup>®</sup> , Imitrex <sup>®</sup> nasal spray, Imitrex <sup>®</sup> pen-injector, Maxalt <sup>®</sup> MLT <sup>®</sup> , Zomig <sup>®</sup> ZMT <sup>®</sup>
	Tosymra <sup>®</sup>	generic triptan (such as Imitrex <sup>®</sup> /nasal spray, Maxalt <sup>®</sup> , Maxalt MLT <sup>®</sup> , Zomig <sup>®</sup> , Zomig ZMT <sup>®</sup> )
Miscellaneous CNS	Firdapse <sup>®</sup>	Ruzurgi <sup>®</sup>
Myasthenia gravis	pyridostigmine bromide 30mg	Mestinon <sup>®</sup> (pyridostigmine bromide 60mg)
Narcotics	Arymo <sup>®</sup> ER, MorphaBond <sup>®</sup> ER, Troxyca <sup>®</sup> ER, Vantrela <sup>®</sup> ER	Butrans <sup>®</sup> , Duragesic <sup>®</sup> , Exalgo <sup>®</sup> , methadone, MS Contin <sup>®</sup>
	Oxaydo <sup>®</sup> , Roxybond <sup>®</sup>	Dilaudid <sup>®</sup> , morphine sulfate immediate-release, oxycodone immediate-release
	Lazanda <sup>®</sup>	Actiq <sup>®</sup> , Dilaudid <sup>®</sup> , morphine sulfate immediate-release, oxycodone immediate-release

Narcotic mixed agonist and antagonist	Conzip <sup>®</sup> , tramadol extended-release biphasic capsule <sup>1</sup>	Ryzolt <sup>®</sup> , Ultram <sup>®</sup> ER
Narcotic and analgesic combinations	Apadaz <sup>®</sup> , benzhydrocodone/acetaminophen <sup>1</sup>	Norco <sup>®</sup> , Vicodin <sup>®</sup> , Vicoprofen <sup>®</sup>
	Nalocet, Primlev <sup>®</sup>	Percocet <sup>®</sup> , Percodan <sup>®</sup>
Nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)	Cambia <sup>®</sup>	Generic oral NSAID (such as Anaprox <sup>®</sup> , Indocin <sup>®</sup> , Lodine <sup>®</sup> , Mobic <sup>®</sup> , Motrin <sup>®</sup> (Rx only), Naprosyn <sup>®</sup> , Voltaren <sup>®</sup> , Voltaren <sup>®</sup> XR); Generic triptan (such as Imitrex <sup>®</sup> , Maxalt <sup>®</sup> , Maxalt MLT <sup>®</sup> , Zomig <sup>®</sup> , Zomig ZMT <sup>®</sup> )
	Consensi <sup>®</sup>	Norvasc <sup>®</sup> plus Celebrex <sup>®</sup>
	Duexis <sup>®</sup>	Motrin <sup>®</sup> (Rx only) plus Pepcid <sup>®</sup>
	Indocin <sup>®</sup> suspension, Naprelan <sup>®</sup> , Qmiiz™ ODT	Generic oral NSAID (such as Anaprox <sup>®</sup> , Indocin <sup>®</sup> , Lodine <sup>®</sup> , Mobic <sup>®</sup> , Motrin <sup>®</sup> (Rx only), Naprosyn <sup>®</sup> , Voltaren <sup>®</sup> , Voltaren <sup>®</sup> XR)
	Relafen DS <sup>®</sup>	Relafen (generic 500mg, 750mg tablet)
Parkinson's disease and related disorders	Gocovri <sup>®</sup> , Osmolex ER <sup>®</sup>	Symmetrel <sup>®</sup>
Salicylates	Durlaza <sup>®</sup>	Ecotrin <sup>®</sup> (generic aspirin)
	Yosprala <sup>®</sup> , aspirin/omeprazole tablet <sup>1</sup>	Ecotrin <sup>®</sup> (generic aspirin) plus Prilosec <sup>®</sup> capsule
Sedative and hypnotics	Doral <sup>®</sup> , quazepam <sup>1</sup> , Zolpimist <sup>®</sup>	Ambien <sup>®</sup> , Lunesta <sup>®</sup> , Desyrel <sup>®</sup> , Sonata <sup>®</sup>
Skeletal muscle relaxants	chlorzoxazone 250mg, Lorzone <sup>®</sup> (chlorzoxazone 350mg, 750mg)	chlorzoxazone 500mg (Parafon Forte DSC <sup>®</sup> )
	Amrix <sup>®</sup>	generic cyclobenzaprine tablet (Flexeril <sup>®</sup> )
	Norgesic Forte <sup>®</sup> , Orphengesic Forte <sup>®</sup>	Generic muscle relaxant (such as Norflex <sup>®</sup> , Parafon Forte DSC <sup>®</sup> , Flexeril <sup>®</sup> , Robaxin <sup>®</sup> , Zanaflex <sup>®</sup> ) plus generic aspirin
<b>Drug Class: Dermatology</b>		
<b>Drug Subclass</b>	<b>Excluded Drug</b>	<b>Preferred Alternatives</b>
Acne treatment	Absorica <sup>®</sup> , Absorica LD <sup>®</sup>	Claravis <sup>®</sup> , Myorisan <sup>®</sup> , Zenatane <sup>®</sup>
	Acticlate <sup>®</sup> , Coremino <sup>®</sup> , doxycycline hyclate 80mg tablet, Minolira™, Seysara™, Solodyn <sup>®</sup>	Minocin <sup>®</sup> , Monodox <sup>®</sup> , Vibramycin <sup>®</sup>
	Aklief <sup>®</sup>	Differin <sup>®</sup> , Duac <sup>®</sup> , Benzaclin <sup>®</sup> , Retin-A <sup>®</sup> , Tazorac <sup>®</sup>
	adapalene 0.1% medicated swab, solution	adapalene (Differin <sup>®</sup> ) cream or gel

	Clindagel <sup>®</sup> , clindamycin 1% gel <sup>1</sup> , Evoclin <sup>®</sup>	Cleocin-T <sup>®</sup>
	Retin-A Micro <sup>®</sup>	Atralin <sup>®</sup> , Avita <sup>®</sup> , Retin-A <sup>®</sup>
	Veltin <sup>®</sup> , Ziana <sup>®</sup>	Cleocin-T <sup>®</sup> plus generic topical tretinoin (Atralin <sup>®</sup> , Avita <sup>®</sup> , RetinA <sup>®</sup> )
Corticosteroids - low potency	MiCort <sup>®</sup> HC	Dermacort <sup>®</sup> , Desowen <sup>®</sup> , Hytone <sup>®</sup> , Kenalog <sup>®</sup> 0.025% cream/lotion, Synalar <sup>®</sup> 0.1%, Valisone <sup>®</sup> cream/lotion
Corticosteroids - medium potency	Cordran <sup>®</sup> 0.025% cream, , Pandel <sup>®</sup>	Aristocort <sup>®</sup> , Cutivate <sup>®</sup> , Diprosone <sup>®</sup> , Elocon <sup>®</sup> , Kenalog <sup>®</sup> , Locoid <sup>®</sup> , Valisone <sup>®</sup>
Corticosteroids - high to very high potency	Impoyz <sup>®</sup> , Lexette <sup>®</sup> , Ultravate-X <sup>®</sup>	Clobex <sup>®</sup> , Diprolene <sup>®</sup> , Lidex <sup>®</sup> , LidexE <sup>®</sup> , Ultravate <sup>®</sup> cream/ointment
Topical anesthetics	Synera <sup>®</sup>	Emla <sup>®</sup>
	Dithol, Licart <sup>®</sup>	General oral NSAID (such as Mobic <sup>®</sup> , Motrin <sup>®</sup> (Rx only), Naprosyn <sup>®</sup> , Voltaren <sup>®</sup> , Voltaren XR <sup>®</sup> ), Voltaren <sup>®</sup> topical gel
	ZTlido™	Lidoderm <sup>®</sup>
Topical antibacterials	Altabax <sup>®</sup> , Bactroban <sup>®</sup> cream, Bactroban <sup>®</sup> Nasal	Bactroban <sup>®</sup> ointment, gentamicin cream/ointment
Topical antivirals	Denavir <sup>®</sup> , Xerese <sup>®</sup> , Zovirax <sup>®</sup> cream	Zovirax <sup>®</sup> ointment, generic oral antivirals (Famvir <sup>®</sup> , Valtrex <sup>®</sup> , Zovirax <sup>®</sup> )
<b>Drug Class: Endocrinology</b>		
<b>Drug Subclass</b>	<b>Excluded Drug</b>	<b>Preferred Alternatives</b>
Corticosteroids	Dxevo, Hemady <sup>®</sup> , Hidex, TaperDex	Decadron <sup>®</sup> , DexPak <sup>®</sup> , DexPak <sup>®</sup> Jr.
Insulins	Admelog <sup>®</sup> , Apidra <sup>®</sup> , Apidra <sup>®</sup> Solostar <sup>®</sup> , Humulin <sup>®</sup> (all forms except U-500), Humulin <sup>®</sup> Mix, Humalog <sup>®</sup> (except Junior Kwikpen), Humalog <sup>®</sup> Mix, insulin aspart <sup>1</sup> (all forms; authorized generic for Novolog <sup>®</sup> ), insulin lispro 100mg/mL vial and Kwikpen <sup>1</sup> (authorized generic for Humalog <sup>®</sup> ), ReliOn <sup>®</sup> Novolin <sup>®</sup> (NDCs <u>not</u> ending in 00, 01, 11, or 15)	Novolin <sup>®</sup> (NDCs ending in 00, 01, 11, or 15), 70/30 vial, Novolog <sup>®</sup> , Novolog <sup>®</sup> Mix
Non-insulin hypoglycemic agents	Adlyxin <sup>®</sup> , Byetta <sup>®</sup> , Bydureon <sup>®</sup> (all forms)	Ozempic <sup>®</sup> , Trulicity <sup>®</sup> , Victoza <sup>®</sup>
	Glumetza <sup>®</sup>	Glucophage <sup>®</sup> , Glucophage <sup>®</sup> XR
	alogliptin <sup>1</sup> , Onglyza <sup>®</sup> , Nesina <sup>®</sup>	Januvia <sup>®</sup> , Tradjenta <sup>®</sup>
	alogliptin/metformin <sup>1</sup> , Kazano <sup>®</sup> , Kombiglyze <sup>®</sup>	metformin (Glucophage <sup>®</sup> /XR) plus a DPP-4 inhibitor (Januvia <sup>®</sup> , Tradjenta <sup>®</sup> ); Janumet <sup>®</sup> /XR, Jentaduetto <sup>®</sup> /XR
	alogliptin/pioglitazone <sup>1</sup> , Oseni <sup>®</sup>	a DPP-4 inhibitor (Januvia <sup>®</sup> , Tradjenta <sup>®</sup> ) plus pioglitazone (Actos <sup>®</sup> )

	Steglujan <sup>®</sup>	a DPP-4 inhibitor (Januvia <sup>®</sup> , Tradjenta <sup>®</sup> ), plus a SGLT-2 inhibitor (Farxiga <sup>®</sup> , Invokana <sup>®</sup> , Jardiance <sup>®</sup> ); Glyxambi <sup>®</sup> , Qtern <sup>®</sup> ,
<b>Drug Class: Gastrointestinal</b>		
<b>Drug Subclass</b>	<b>Excluded Drug</b>	<b>Preferred Alternatives</b>
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)	rabeprazole sodium capsule 10mg <sup>1</sup>	Aciphex <sup>®</sup> tablet (PPO only), over-the-counter PPIs (such as Prilosec OTC <sup>®</sup> , Prevacid OTC <sup>®</sup> )
	Zegerid <sup>®</sup>	over-the-counter Zegerid OTC <sup>®</sup>
Ulcer therapy	Glycate <sup>®</sup> (glycopyrrolate 1.5mg)	Robinul <sup>®</sup> , Robinul Forte <sup>®</sup> (glycopyrrolate 1mg, 2mg)
Miscellaneous gastrointestinal agents	Relistor <sup>®</sup> injection, Trulance <sup>®</sup>	Amitiza <sup>®</sup> , lactulose, Linzess <sup>®</sup>
	Kristalose <sup>®</sup> (lactulose packet)	lactulose solution
<b>Drug Class: Immunology and hematology</b>		
<b>Drug Subclass</b>	<b>Excluded Drug</b>	<b>Preferred Alternatives</b>
Hematopoietic agents	Mulpleta <sup>®</sup>	Doptelet <sup>®</sup>
<b>Drug Class: Obstetrics and gynecology</b>		
<b>Drug Subclass</b>	<b>Excluded Drug</b>	<b>Preferred Alternatives</b>
Contraceptives – Misc.	Anovera <sup>®</sup>	Nuvaring <sup>®</sup>
Infertility treatment	ganirelix acetate (brand only)	generic ganirelix acetate, Cetrotide <sup>®</sup>
Vaginal anti-infective and antifungal	Solosec <sup>®</sup>	Cleocin <sup>®</sup> vaginal cream, Flagyl <sup>®</sup> , Metrogel <sup>®</sup> -Vaginal
<b>Drug Class: Otic and nasal preparations</b>		
<b>Drug Subclass</b>	<b>Excluded Drug</b>	<b>Preferred Alternatives</b>
Nasal preparations	Xhance <sup>®</sup>	Astelin <sup>®</sup> , Flonase <sup>®</sup>
Otic preparations	Cetraxal <sup>®</sup> (single-source brand only)	ciprofloxacin 0.2% dropperette
<b>Drug Class: Respiratory, cough and cold</b>		
<b>Drug Subclass</b>	<b>Excluded Drug</b>	<b>Preferred Alternatives</b>
Antihistamines	Ryvent <sup>®</sup> , Ryclora <sup>®</sup>	Atarax <sup>®</sup> , Benadryl <sup>®</sup> (Rx only), Claritin <sup>®</sup> , Histex PD <sup>®</sup> , Tavist <sup>®</sup> , Vistaril <sup>®</sup> , Xyzal <sup>®</sup> , Zyrtec <sup>®</sup>
Antitussives	hydrocodone-guaifenesin solution <sup>1</sup>	Hycodan <sup>®</sup>
Epinephrine	Auvi-Q <sup>®</sup>	epinephrine 0.15mg and 0.3mg auto-injector, EpiPen <sup>®</sup> , EpiPen <sup>®</sup> Jr
Inhaled beta-agonists	albuterol sulfate HFA <sup>1</sup> (authorized generic products for ProAir <sup>®</sup> HFA, Proventil <sup>®</sup> HFA, Ventolin <sup>®</sup> HFA), ProAir <sup>®</sup> Digihaler <sup>®</sup>	ProAir <sup>®</sup> HFA, , ProAir Respiclick <sup>®</sup> , Ventolin <sup>®</sup> HFA

Inhaled beta agonist and anticholinergic combinations	Duaklir <sup>®</sup> Pressair <sup>®</sup>	Serevent Diskus <sup>®</sup> plus Spiriva <sup>®</sup> /Respimat <sup>®</sup> ; Anoro <sup>®</sup> Ellipta <sup>®</sup> , Stiolto <sup>®</sup> Respimat <sup>®</sup>
Inhaled steroids	Aerospan <sup>®</sup> , Alvesco <sup>®</sup>	Arnuity <sup>®</sup> Ellipta <sup>®</sup> , Flovent <sup>®</sup> HFA, Flovent <sup>®</sup> Diskus, Pulmicort <sup>®</sup> Flexhaler <sup>®</sup> , Pulmicort <sup>®</sup> solution, Qvar <sup>®</sup> Redihaler <sup>®</sup>
Inhaled steroid and beta agonist combinations	AirDuo <sup>®</sup> Respiclick, budesonide-formoterol fumarate HFA <sup>1</sup>	Advair <sup>®</sup> Diskus <sup>®</sup> /HFA, Breo <sup>®</sup> Ellipta <sup>®</sup> , Dulera <sup>®</sup> , fluticasone propionate/salmeterol <sup>1</sup> , Spiriva <sup>®</sup> /Respimat <sup>®</sup> , Symbicort <sup>®</sup>
<b>Drug Class: Rheumatology and musculoskeletal</b>		
<b>Drug Subclass</b>	<b>Excluded Drug</b>	<b>Preferred Alternatives</b>
Gout therapy	Gloperba <sup>®</sup>	colchicine tablet, Colcrys <sup>®</sup>
<b>Drug Class: Vitamins and supplements</b>		
<b>Drug Subclass</b>	<b>Excluded Drug</b>	<b>Preferred Alternatives</b>
Vitamins and minerals	Nascobal <sup>®</sup>	cyanocobalamin injection (vitamin B-12)

<sup>1</sup> Represents drugs that are considered brand drugs and don't have generic equivalents. These aren't generic drugs.