

FDA Drug Approvals

Each month the FDA approves new medications, and below is a highlight of the most relevant new approvals and/or drugs which have the potential to impact your prescription plan. While the medications below have been evaluated and approved by the FDA, they may not enter the marketplace for several weeks or months.

New Brand Approvals			
Drug Name	Uses / Treatment	Pricing Information	Other Information
Aristada (aripiprazole lauroxil injectable suspension)	Atypical antipsychotic indicated for the treatment of schizophrenia	Variable and dose dependent; Ranges from \$1,260 to \$2,500 per month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Information: Extended-release, injectable formulation of aripiprazole given once monthly to reduce risk of medication non-adherence • Target Population: Intended for use in patients who are established on oral aripiprazole therapy • Formulary Management: Considered non-preferred upon market entry • BIC SpecialtyRx: Comprehensive clinical management and competitive discounts via MedTrak’s BIC Specialty Pharmacy Network. • Clinical Concierge: Subject to Prior Authorization as a Specialty medication. Drug-specific and evidence-based PA criteria developed and applied by MedTrak’s Clinical Care Center to ensure appropriate utilization. • Control Trak: Subject to Max Dollar and Max Dose edits.
Veltassa (patiomer oral suspension)	Potassium binder indicated for treatment of hyperkalemia	Pricing information not yet available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Information: Medication binds to potassium to reduce potassium blood levels. Should not be used in emergency settings due to delayed onset of action • Formulary Management: Considered non-preferred upon market entry • Control Trak: Subject to Max Dollar and Max Dose edits
Vivlodex (meloxicam capsules)	NSAID indicated for management of osteoarthritis (OA) pain	Pricing information not yet available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Information: Carries black box warning regarding cardiovascular and gastrointestinal risk (similar to other NSAIDs) • Formulary Management: Considered non-preferred upon market entry • Clinical Concierge: MedTrak’s Clinical Care Center is currently evaluating potential management strategies including PA and inclusion on Non-Essential Drug List • Control Trak: Subject to Max Dollar and Max Dose edits
Yondelis	Alkylating agent indicated for treatment of liposarcoma or leiomyosarcoma	Variable and dose-dependent (determined by patient body surface area)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Information: Infused medication that treats malignancies (cancers) of connective tissue • Target Population: Intended for use in patients who have received a prior anthracycline-containing regimen • BIC SpecialtyRx: Comprehensive clinical management and competitive discounts via MedTrak’s BIC Specialty Pharmacy Network • Clinical Concierge: Subject to Prior Authorization as a Specialty medication. Drug-specific and evidence-based PA criteria developed and applied by MedTrak’s Clinical Care Center to ensure appropriate utilization. • Control Trak: Subject to Max Dollar and Max Dose edits

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