

Reference Drug Program (RDP) Poster

If a patient has tried all the fully covered drugs in a category, cannot take any of those drugs due to intolerance or another medical reason, and they meet the Special Authority criteria for a non-reference drug, their prescriber can submit a Special Authority request for full coverage. Exempted specialists do not need to submit Special Authority requests for their patients for full coverage of a partially covered drug.

RDP category	Full benefit reference drug ARBs and PPIs require SA (criteria linked)	Partially benefits (non-reference drugs) If clinically needed, full coverage with SA
Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors (ACEIs)	ramipril with/without HCTZ Daily drug cost based on ramipril 10 mg once daily	benazepril captopril cilazapril with/without HCTZ enalapril with/without HCTZ fosinopril lisinopril with/without HCTZ perindopril quinapril with/without HCTZ trandolapril
Angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs)	candesartan with/without HCTZ losartan with/without HCTZ telmisartan with/without HCTZ or amlodipine valsartan with/without HCTZ Daily drug cost based on losartan 50 mg once daily	irbesartan with/without HCTZ olmesartan with/without HCTZ
Dihydropyridine calcium channel blockers (CCBs)	amlodipine Daily drug cost based on amlodipine 10 mg once daily	felodipine nifedipine
Histamine2 receptor blockers (H2 blockers)	ranitidine Daily drug cost based on ranitidine 150mg twice daily	cimetidine famotidine nizatidine
Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)	ibuprofen (400 mg and 600 mg only) naproxen (regular release) Daily drug cost based on ibuprofen 2400 mg once daily	diclofenac immediate and sustained release naproxen enteric-coated
Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs)	pantoprazole magnesium rabeprazole Daily drug cost based on pantoprazole magnesium 40 mg once daily	esomeprazole lansoprazole omeprazole pantoprazole sodium
Statins	atorvastatin rosuvastatin Daily drug cost based on rosuvastatin 10 mg once daily.	fluvastatin lovastatin pravastatin simvastatin

Without Special Authority approval for additional coverage of a non-reference product, coverage is provided up to the **daily drug cost** of the reference product in each category. This cost matches the cost of the reference product at the indicated dose. Download the RDP spreadsheet at [LCA and RDP Data Files](#) to review daily drug costs.