

NON-STEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS (NSAIDs) STEP THERAPY

The NSAID step therapy program supports the coverage of a legend second-line, non-specific NSAID or a COX-II or brand NSAID if the participant has met the following criteria:

To obtain coverage for a legend, second-line NSAID, the participant must have used **two over-the-counter (OTC), non-specific NSAIDs as first-line therapy** for their current condition within 180 days (6 months) of the prescription for second-line NSAID. If the participant meets the criteria for the step therapy rule, the second-line NSAIDs will be covered. To obtain coverage for a COX-II or brand NSAID, the participant must use **two second-line NSAIDs for their current condition** within 180 days prior to the COX-II or brand NSAID order.

Should the practitioner choose to use the second-line NSAID without meeting the step criteria, or use a third-line NSAID without meeting the criteria, and the participant wants the prescription given special consideration for payment within their prescription drug benefit, the practitioner must contact Health Care Services at MAHP to provide additional medical/clinical information for review. If the medical/clinical information meets criteria for a medical exception to this step therapy, a prior authorization may be granted.

	FIRST-LINE (OTC)	SECOND-LINE DRUGS	THIRD-LINE DRUGS
MEDICATIONS	Ibuprofen Advil, Motrin Naproxen - Aleve Naproxen Sodium Ketoprofen – Orudis Aspirin	Indomethicin - INDOCIN Piroxicam - FELDENE Diclofenac Sodium - VOLTAREN Diclofenac Potassium- CATAFLAM Sulindac – CLINORIL Tolmetin - TOLECTIN Meclofenamate – MECLOMEN Etodolac - LODINE Fenoprofen - NALFON Flurbiprofen – ANSAID OCUFEN	CELEBREX (Celecoxib) DAYPRO (Oxaprozin) RELAFIN (Nabumetone) ARTHROTEC (Diclofenac Sodium/Misoprostol)
CRITERIA FOR USE	Driven by formulary status of drug, formulary (open, benefit-driven, closed) and MAC policies. **Processing of brand name first-line drug will cause ancillary charges to participant.	Participant has two different generic NSAIDs in claims history from the first-line NSAID category within 180 days prior to the prescription date of a second-line NSAID OR Participant has a claims history of second-line NSAIDs being filled regularly prior to the request.	Participant has two different second-line NSAIDs in claims history within 180 days prior to the prescription date of a third-line NSAID OR Participant has a claims history of second-line NSAIDs being filled regularly prior to the request.

