



## FORMULARY UPDATES Effective 8/1/2019

July 1, 2019

Dear Care1st Providers and Staff:

Effective **August 1, 2019**, Care1st will be implementing the AHCCCS formulary changes based on the recommendations from the April 29, 2019 AHCCCS Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P & T) Committee. Formulary changes are located on our website:

[www.care1staz.com](http://www.care1staz.com) > Providers > Formulary > Summary of AHCCCS Formulary changes

Care1st encourages all prescribing clinicians to review the Care1st Comprehensive Prescription Drug List (PDL) for preferred formulary alternatives.

Please note: Some of the AHCCCS formulary changes do not permit grandfathering (continued use of a non-formulary medication). As a result, some members will need to switch to the preferred formulary alternative and a new prescription may be required. (See AHCCCS Policy 310-V)

AHCCCS Policy 310-V also requires that Care1st review all requests for all non-formulary medication based on the following criteria:

- a. The member has previously completed step therapy [*e.g. Trial/failure*] using the preferred drug(s)[*within the therapeutic class*], OR
- b. The member's prescribing clinician supports the medical necessity of the non-preferred drug over the preferred drug for the particular member.

Contact Pharmacy Prior Authorization at 602-778-1800 (Options 5, 5) if you have any questions.

***Thank you!***

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