



MassHealth Over-the-Counter Drug List

This page lists the only over-the-counter (OTC) drugs that are covered by MassHealth without prior authorization (PA). All other OTC drugs except insulin vials require PA. Please refer to 130 CMR 406.411(A) and 406.412 (A) (2) for further information on OTC drugs. Insulins that are available without PA are listed in the MassHealth Drug List. All insulins are covered for members at home, in nursing facilities, or in rest homes. The items are listed alphabetically by therapeutic class, then by the generic name of the drug or drug ingredients. In general, MassHealth pays only for generic versions of these OTC drugs, singly or in combination, regardless of strength or dosage form unless otherwise specified. Combination products that contain active ingredients that are not included in this list require PA. Notwithstanding the above, MassHealth may pay for a brand-name OTC product if that product is medically necessary under 130 CMR 450.204. All brand-name OTC products currently covered by MassHealth without prior authorization are listed by brand name, below.

Allergy Agents, Ophthalmic:

ketotifen
naphazoline
Naphcon-A (naphazoline/
pheniramine)
Opcon-A (naphazoline/
pheniramine)

Analgesics:

acetaminophen ≤ 4 grams/day
aspirin
aspirin with buffers
capsaicin
ibuprofen
naproxen capsule, tablet

Anthelmintic Agents:

Pin-X (pyrantel pamoate)
Reese's Pinworm (pyrantel
pamoate)

Antihistamines /

Decongestants:

cetirizine syrup, tablet
cetirizine/pseudoephedrine
chlorpheniramine
diphenhydramine
doxylamine
loratadine tablet, solution
loratadine/pseudoephedrine
pseudoephedrine ≤ 240 mg/day

Antimicrobials, Topical:

bacitracin
chlorhexidine gluconate
clotrimazole
double antibiotic ointment
hydrogen peroxide
iodine
isopropyl alcohol
miconazole
neomycin
povidone
tolnaftate
triple antibiotic ointment

Compounding Agents:

cherry syrup
Ora-Plus suspending vehicle
Ora-Sweet oral syrup
Ora-Sweet-SF oral syrup
simple syrup

Contraceptives, Oral:

levonorgestrel 1.5 mg tablet

Contraceptives, Topical:

nonoxynol-9 *

Dermatologic Agents,

Topical:

benzoyl peroxide < 22 years
calamine lotion

colloidal oatmeal
hydrocortisone cream, lotion,
ointment
hydrophilic ointment
lanolin
petrolatum
selenium sulfide
vitamin A and D ointment
witch hazel
zinc oxide

Gastrointestinal Agents:

Align (bifidobacterium infantis)
< 19 years
aluminum carbonate
aluminum hydroxide
bisacodyl
bismuth subsalicylate
cimetidine
Culturelle (lactobacillus
rhamnosus GG) < 19 years
dextrin
docusate sodium
famotidine tablet
Florastor (saccharomyces
boulardii) < 19 years
glycerin
lactase
loperamide
magnesium

* Branded OTC nonoxynol-9 products are covered by MassHealth without prior authorization.

Gastrointestinal Agents**(continued):**

meclizine
methylcellulose
mineral oil
polyethylene glycol 3350
psyllium
ranitidine tablet
sennosides
simethicone
sodium bicarbonate
sodium phosphate

Intranasal Sprays:

budesonide nasal spray ≤ 1
inhaler/month
Nasacort Allergy 24HR
(triamcinolone) ≤ 1
inhaler/month

Otic Agents:

carbamide peroxide

Pediculicides/Scabicides:

permethrin
piperonyl butoxide/pyrethrins

Respiratory Agents:

sodium chloride for inhalation

Smoking Cessation:

nicotine gum, lozenge, patch

Tear/Saliva Replacement**Agents:**

artificial tears (glycerin/
propylene glycol)
saliva substitute

Vitamins / Nutrients /**Supplements:**

calcium replacement
cod liver oil
coenzyme Q10 < 19 years
electrolyte solution, pediatric
ferrous fumarate
ferrous gluconate
ferrous sulfate
folic acid
glucose products < 19 years
magnesium salts
melatonin tablet, solution
melatonin/pyridoxine tablet
multivitamins
niacinamide
nicotinic acid
pediatric multivitamins
Phos-Flur (sodium fluoride oral
rinse)
prenatal vitamins
potassium phosphate
sodium chloride tablet
sodium fluoride
vitamin A (retinol)
vitamin B-1 (thiamine)
vitamin B-2 (riboflavin)
vitamin B-3 (niacin)
vitamin B-6 (pyridoxine)
vitamin B-12 (cyanocobalamin)
vitamin B complex
vitamin C (ascorbic acid)
vitamin D
vitamin E, oral
vitamins, multiple
vitamins, multiple/minerals
vitamins, pediatric
vitamins, prenatal