New Hampshire: Medication alternatives to opioid products

Quick reference guide

Effective Jan. 1, 2027, this quick reference guide outlines the covered medication alternatives to opioid products for health care professionals treating patients with pain management needs.

Pain management medication alternatives

Category	Medication alternatives	Tier
Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)	Daypro® 600 mg tab	Tier 4
	Diclofenac potassium 50 mg tab	Tier 2
	Diclofenac sodium DR 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg tab	Tier 1
	Diclofenac sodium ER 100 mg tab; diclofenac/ misoprostol 50-0.2 mg, 75-0.2 mg DR tab	Tier 3
	Diflunisal 500 mg tab	Tier 3
	EC-Naprosyn® 375 mg tab	Tier 3
	EC-Naprosyn 500 mg tab	Tier 4
	Etodolac 200 mg, 300 mg cap; etodolac 400 mg, 500 mg tab	Tier 2
	Etodolac 400 mg, 500 mg, 600 mg ER tab	Tier 3
	Flurbiprofen 50 mg, 100 mg tab	Tier 1
	Ibuprofen 400 mg, 600 mg, 800 mg tab	Tier 1
	Indomethacin 25 mg, 50 mg cap	Tier 1
	Indomethacin 25 mg/5 mL susp	Tier 3 (non-formulary on the Essential Prescription Drug List)
	Indomethacin 50 mg suppository	Tier 3
	Indomethacin 75 mg ER cap	Tier 2
	Ketorolac tromethamine® 10 mg tab	Tier 1
	Meclofenamate sodium 50 mg, 100 mg cap	Tier 3
	Mefenamic acid 250 mg cap	Tier 3
	Meloxicam® 7.5 mg, 15 mg tab	Tier 1

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NSAIDs (cont.)	Meloxicam 7.5 mg/5 mL susp	Tier 4
	Nabumetone 500 mg, 750 mg tab	Tier 1
	Naproxen EC 375 mg, 500 mg tab; naproxen 250 mg, 375 mg, 500 mg tab	Tier 1
	Naproxen sodium 275 mg, 550 mg tab	Tier 2
	Oxaprozin 600 mg tab	Tier 2
	Piroxicam 10 mg, 20 mg cap	Tier 2
	Salsalate 500 mg, 750 mg tab	Tier 1
	Sprix® 15.75 mg/spray nasal spray	Tier 4 (non-formulary on the Essential Prescription Drug List)
	Sulindac 150 mg, 200 mg tab	Tier 1
Topical analgesics	Lidocaine 5% ointment	Tier 2
	Lidocaine 5% patch; ZTlido® 1.8% patch	Tier 3
COX-2 inhibitors	Celecoxib 50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg, 400 mg cap	Tier 2
	Vyscoxa® 10 mg/mL susp	Tier 4 (non-formulary on the Essential Prescription Drug List)
Skeletal muscle relaxants	Baclofen 5 mg/5 mL, 10 mg/5 mL sol; baclofen 25 mg/5 mL susp	Tier 3
	Baclofen 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg tab	Tier 1
	Carisoprodol 350 mg tab	Tier 1
	Chlorzoxazone 500 mg tab	Tier 2
	Cyclobenzaprine 5 mg, 10 mg tab	Tier 1
	Dantrium® 25 mg cap	Tier 4
	Dantrolene 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg cap	Tier 1
	Metaxalone 400 mg, 800 mg tab	Tier 3
	Methocarbamol 500 mg, 750 mg tab	Tier 1
	Orphenadrine 100 mg ER tab	Tier 2
	Tizanidine 2 mg, 4 mg tab	Tier 1
	Tizanidine 2 mg, 4 mg, 6 mg cap	Tier 2
Antidepressants	Amitriptyline 10 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg tab	Tier 1
	Clomipramine 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg cap	Tier 3 (Tier 4 on Essential Prescription Drug List)

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Antidepressants (cont.)	Desipramine 10 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg tab	Tier 1
	Desvenlafaxine ER 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg ER tab	Tier 3
	Doxepin® 10 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg cap; doxepin conc 10 mg/mL	Tier 1
	Drizalma® 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg cap	Tier 4
	Duloxetine 20 mg, 30 mg, 60 mg cap	Tier 2
	Imipramine HCL 10 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg tab; imipramine pamoate 75 mg, 100 mg, 125 mg, 150 mg cap	Tier 1
	Milnacipran 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg tab; milnacipran titration pack	Tier 3
	Norpramin® 10 mg, 25 mg tab	Tier 4
	Nortriptyline 10 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg cap; nortriptyline 10 mg/5 mL sol	Tier 1
	Protriptyline 5 mg, 10 mg tab	Tier 1
	Venlafaxine 37.5 mg, 75 mg, 150 mg ER cap; venlafaxine 25 mg, 37.5 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg tab	Tier 1
Anticonvulsants	Carbamazepine 100 mg, 200 mg chew; carbamazepine 100 mg/5 mL susp; carbamazepine 200 mg tab; Epitol® 200 mg tab	Tier 1
	Carbamazepine 100 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg ER cap; carbamazepine 100 mg, 200 mg, 400 mg ER tab	Tier 2
	Carbatrol® 100 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg cap; Equetro® 100 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg cap; Tegretol®-XR 100 mg, 200 mg, 400 mg tab	Tier 4 (non-formulary on Essential Prescription Drug List)
	Depakote® 125 mg, 250 mg, 500 mg DR tab; Depakote ER 250 mg, 500 mg tab; Depakote 125 mg sprinkle cap	Tier 4
	Dilantin® 30 mg, 100 mg cap; Dilantin 50 mg chew; Dilantin 125 mg/5 mL susp	Tier 3
	Divalproex 125 mg cap; divalproex 250 mg, 500 mg ER tab	Tier 2
	Divalproex 125 mg, 250 mg, 500 mg DR tab; valproic acid 250 mg cap	Tier 1
	Gabapentin 100 mg, 300 mg, 400 mg cap; gabapentin 250 mg/5 mL sol; gabapentin 600 mg, 800 mg tab	Tier 1

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Anticonvulsants (cont.)	Lamictal® 5 mg, 25 mg chew; Lamictal Starter Kits®; Lamictal 25 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg, 200 mg tab; Lamictal ODT Kits; Lamictal ODT 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg tab	Tier 4 (non-formulary on the Essential Prescription Drug List)
	Lamotrigine ODT Kits; lamotrigine ODT 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg tab; lamotrigine 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg, 250 mg, 300 mg ER tab; Lamictal XR® 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg, 250 mg, 300 mg tab; Lamictal XR Kits	Tier 3 (non-formulary on the Essential Prescription Drug List)
	Lamotrigine 5 mg, 25 mg chew; lamotrigine starter kits; lamotrigine 25 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg, 200 mg tab; Subvenite® Starter Kits; Subvenite 25 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg, 200 mg tab	Tier 1
	Lyrica® 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg, 200 mg, 225 mg, 300 mg cap; Lyrica 20 mg/mL sol	Tier 4 (non-formulary on the Essential Prescription Drug List)
	Neurontin® 100 mg, 300 mg, 400 mg cap; Neurontin 600 mg, 800 mg tab; Neurontin 250 mg/5 mL sol	Tier 4 (non-formulary on the Essential Prescription Drug List)
	Oxcarbazepine 300 mg/5 mL susp; oxcarbazepine 150 mg, 300 mg, 600 mg tab	Tier 1
	Phenytek® 200mg, 300mg cap; phenytoin 50 mg chew; phenytoin 125 mg/mL susp; phenytoin 100 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg extended cap	Tier 1
	Pregabalin® 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg, 200 mg, 225 mg, 300 mg cap; pregabalin 20 mg/mL sol	Tier 2
	Tegretol® 100 mg/5 mL susp; Tegretol 200 mg tab	Tier 4
	Trileptal® 300 mg/5 mL susp; Trileptal 150 mg, 300 mg, 600 mg tab	Tier 4 (non-formulary on the Essential Prescription Drug List)
Corticosteroids	Cortef® 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg tab	Tier 4
	Dexamethasone® 6-day, 10-day, 13-day therapy pack; Taperdex® 7-day, 12-day therapy pack	Tier 3
	Dexamethasone conc 1 mg/mL; dexamethasone 0.5 mg/5 mL elixir; dexamethasone 0.5 mg/5 mL sol; dexamethasone 0.5 mg, 0.75 mg, 1 mg, 1.5 mg, 2 mg, 4 mg, 6 mg tab	Tier 1
	Hydrocortisone® 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg tab	Tier 1

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Corticosteroids (cont.)	Medrol® 4 mg, 8 mg, 16 mg tab; Medrol 4 mg therapy pack	Tier 4
	Medrol 2 mg tab	Tier 2
	Methylprednisolone 4 mg, 8 mg, 16 mg, 32 mg tab; methylprednisolone 4 mg therapy pack	Tier 1
	Orapred ODT® 10 mg, 15 mg, 30 mg tab	Tier 4
	Pediapred® 5 mg/5 mL sol	Tier 2
	Prednisolone® 15 mg/5 mL sol	Tier 1
	Prednisolone 5 mg tab; prednisolone 10 mg, 15 mg, 30 mg ODT	Tier 3
	Prednisone 5 mg/mL conc; prednisone 5 mg (21), 5 mg (48), 10 mg (21), 10 mg (48) pack; prednisone 5 mg/5 mL sol; prednisone 1 mg, 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg, 50 mg tab	Tier 1
	Taperdex 6-day therapy pack	Tier 4
Selective sodium channel blockers	Journavx® 50 mg tab	Tier 4

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