



# 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 require PA, except select OTC insulins. All OTC insulins are covered for members at home, in nursing facilities, or in rest homes; however, PA restrictions apply as listed in the MassHealth Drug List. Please refer to 130 CMR 406.411(A) and 406.412 (A) (2) for further information on OTC drugs. 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 81 mg  
aspirin 325 mg, 500 mg, 650 mg  
aspirin suppository  
aspirin with buffers  
capsaicin  
ibuprofen  
naproxen capsule, tablet

## Anthelmintic Agents:

Reese's Pinworm (pyrantel  
pamoate)

## Antihistamines /

## Decongestants:

cetirizine syrup, tablet  
cetirizine/pseudoephedrine  
chlorpheniramine  
diphenhydramine  
doxylamine  
fexofenadine/pseudoephedrine  
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  
gelatin capsule, empty  
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  
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)  
< 22 years  
aluminum carbonate  
aluminum hydroxide  
bisacodyl enema, suppository  
bisacodyl tablet  
bismuth subsalicylate  
cimetidine  
Culturelle (lactobacillus  
rhamnosus GG) < 22 years  
dextrin  
docusate sodium capsule, tablet  
docusate sodium solution, syrup  
famotidine tablet

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

‡ Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) may follow their own policies regarding compounded medications and are not required to follow MassHealth policy regarding pharmaceutical compounds.

**Gastrointestinal Agents  
(continued):**

Florastor (saccharomyces  
boulardii) < 22 years  
glycerin  
lactase  
loperamide  
magaldrate  
magnesium salts  
meclizine  
methylcellulose  
mineral oil  
polyethylene glycol 3350  
psyllium capsule  
psyllium powder  
ranitidine tablet  
sennosides tablet  
sennosides syrup  
simethicone  
sodium bicarbonate  
sodium phosphate

**Intranasal Sprays:**

budesonide nasal spray ≤ 1  
inhaler/30 days  
triamcinolone nasal spray ≤ 1  
inhaler/30 days

**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  
saliva substitute

**Vitamins / Nutrients /  
Supplements:**

calcium replacement  
cod liver oil  
coenzyme Q10 < 22 years  
electrolyte solution, pediatric  
ferrous fumarate  
ferrous gluconate  
ferrous sulfate  
folic acid  
glucose products < 19 years  
magnesium salts  
melatonin gummy, solution, tablet  
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