



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/pheniramine

Analgesics:

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

Anthelmintic Agents:

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

Antihistamines/Decongestants:

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

Antimicrobials, Topical:

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

Compounding Agents:

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

Contraceptives, Oral:

levonorgestrel 0.75 mg tablet
levonorgestrel 1.5 mg tablet

Contraceptives, Topical:

nonoxynol-9*

Dermatologic Agents, Topical:

A&D ointment
ammonium lactate 12%
benzoyl peroxide < 22 years old
calamine lotion
colloidal oatmeal
hydrocortisone
hydrophilic ointment
lanolin
petrolatum
selenium sulfide
witch hazel
zinc oxide

Gastrointestinal Agents:

Align (bifidobacterium infantis) < 19 years
aluminum carbonate
aluminum hydroxide
bisacodyl
bismuth subsalicylate
calcium carbonate
casanthranol
cimetidine
cod liver oil
Culturelle (lactobacillus rhamnosus GG) < 19 years
dextrin
docusate sodium
famotidine
Florastor (saccharomyces boulardii) < 19 years
glycerin
kaolin/pectin
loperamide
magaldrate
magnesium salts
meclizine
methylcellulose
mineral oil
polyethylene glycol 3350
psyllium
ranitidine
sennosides
simethicone
sodium bicarbonate
sodium phosphate

Intranasal Sprays:

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

Otic Agents:

carbamide peroxide

Pediculicides/Scabicides:

permethrin
piperonyl butoxide
pyrethrum

Respiratory Agents:

sodium chloride solution for inhalation

Smoking Cessation:

nicotine gum, lozenge, patch

Tear/Saliva Replacement Agents:

artificial tears
saliva substitute

Vitamins/Nutrients/Supplements:

ascorbic acid
calcium carbonate
calcium citrate
calcium glubionate
calcium gluconate
calcium phosphate
coenzyme Q10 < 19 years
cyanocobalamin
electrolyte solution (pediatric)
ferrous fumarate
ferrous gluconate
ferrous sulfate
folic acid
magnesium salts
melatonin tablet and solution < 19 years
melatonin/pyridoxine tablet < 19 years
multivitamins, N.F.
multivitamins with minerals
niacin
niacinamide
nicotinic acid
pediatric vitamins
prenatal vitamins
pyridoxine (vitamin B6)
potassium phosphate
retinol (vitamin A)
riboflavin
thiamine
vitamin B complex
vitamin D
vitamin E, oral

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