

This Preferred Drug List is searchable. Here is how to search for a drug:

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Pharmacy Program

Peach State Health Plan covers medicine for Georgia Families[®] Medicaid and Peach Care for Kids[®] members. The pharmacy team works with doctors and pharmacists to be sure medicines for a lot of illnesses are covered. Peach State Health Plan pays for prescription drugs and some over-the-counter (OTC) medications. Your doctor must write a prescription for these drugs. The pharmacy program does not pay for all drugs. Some drugs need a prior authorization (PA). Some drugs have limits on age, dose, and maximum quantities.

You can call Member Services to talk to someone about the list of drugs Peach State Health Plan covers. The Member Service phone number is 1-800-704-1484 (TTY/TTD 1-800-255-0056). You can also use the “drug Lookup” Tool in the secure member webpage to see if your drug is covered. You can get to the tool by using this link <https://members.envolverx.com/>

Preferred Drug List (PDL)

The Peach State Health Plan Preferred Drug List (PDL) is the list of covered drugs. The PDL tells you the drugs you can get at local pharmacies. The list is updated every three months by the Peach State Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee. The group is made up of the Peach State Health Plan Medical Director, Pharmacy Director, and several Georgia doctors, pharmacists, and specialists.

Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM)

Peach State Health Plan works with Express Scripts to pay for pharmacy claims. Express Scripts is our Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM).

Specialty Drugs

Some drugs are only paid for when you get them from a Peach State Health Plan specialty pharmacy. Specialty pharmacies can be found using the Find A Provider tool in the Peach State Health Plan website at www.pshp.com.

The Peach State Health Plan Pharmacy Director and Medical Director review the PA requests for these drugs.

These drugs are not usually available at local pharmacies. Be sure to call the specialty pharmacy for a refill before you run out of medicine. Drugs that specialty pharmacies provided are marked in the PDL. This list is on the Peach State Health Plan website at www.pshp.com. Please contact Member Services if you have any questions about the PDL.

Dispensing Limits

The pharmacy can give you up to 31 days' supply of each new prescription or refill. 80% of the days' supply or 25 days must have passed before the medicine can be refilled for PDL drugs that are not controlled. Controlled medicines must have 90% of the supply used before the medicine can be refilled. You will need a new prescription for some controlled medicines.

Appropriate Use and Safety Edits

Your safety is very important to Peach State Health Plan. One of the ways we look out for your safety is through point-of sale (POS) edits when the medicine claim is sent by the pharmacy. These edits are based on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approvals. One example would be only allowing one drug in the same therapy class each month.

More information about the drugs that are part of these edits can be found in the **Appropriate Use and Safety Edits** document on the Peach State Health Plan website at www.pshp.com.

Prior Authorizations (PA)

Some drugs on the PDL may require PA. You should talk to your doctor or pharmacist if your pharmacy tells you a PA is needed. A request should be sent by the doctor or pharmacy to Pharmacy Services on the **Medication Prior Authorization Form**. This form is on the Peach State Health Plan website at www.pshp.com. The completed form and doctor notes to show your history should be **faxed to Pharmacy Services at 1-833-582-2342**. A request can also be sent using the secure electronic Prior Authorization portal by Cover My Meds at www.covermymeds.com.

Peach State Health Plan will cover the medicine if:

1. There is a medical reason you need that specific medication.
2. Other medications on the PDL have not worked.

All reviews are done by a Georgia licensed clinical pharmacist and will be completed in 24 hours unless more information is needed. They use the standards set by the Peach State Health Plan P&T Committee. If the request is approved, Pharmacy Services sends your doctor a fax. If it is not approved, Peach State Health Plan and Pharmacy Services will send a letter to you and a fax to your doctor. The letter will have a list of other similar medicines. It will also tell you about the appeal process.

Step Therapy

Some drugs on the PDL may require another drug to be used first. This is called Step Therapy. If you filled that required drug with Peach State Health Plan already, the step therapy medicine will be covered. If you have not tried the PDL medicine, your doctor will need to send in a PA form with other medicine you have tried. If Pharmacy Services does not approve the PA we will send you a letter and a fax to your doctor. The letter will tell you about the appeal process.

Quantity Limits

Peach State Health Plan may limit how much of a medicine you can get at one time. If the doctor feels you need a larger amount, a PA may be sent to Pharmacy Services. If Pharmacy Services does not approve the PA we will send you a letter and a fax to your doctor. The letter will tell you about the appeal process.

Age Limits

Some medicine on the Peach State Health Plan PDL may have age limits. These are based on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved labeling and for your safety. If the doctor feels you need the drug anyway, a PA may be sent to Pharmacy Services. If Pharmacy

Services does not approve the PA we will send you a letter and a fax to your doctor. The letter will tell you about the appeal process.

Medical Necessity Requests

If you need a medicine that is not on the PDL, your doctor can make a medical necessity (MN) PA request for the drug. There are medicines on the PDL to treat most conditions. For drugs not on the PDL, Peach State Health Plan requires:

- Doctor's notes to show you tried at least two PDL drugs in the same class and used for the same diagnosis; or
- Doctor's notes to show you are allergic or cannot take at least two PDL drugs in the same class; or
- Doctor's notes to show you cannot take any of the PDL agents for your diagnosis.

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72 Hour Emergency Supply Policy

State and Federal law says a pharmacy can give you a 72 hour (3 day) supply of medicine if you are waiting on PA review. Pharmacies will be paid for the 3 day supply even if the PA is not approved. The pharmacist can use professional judgment to decide if the medicine is urgent. The 72 hour supply is not allowed for Controlled substances that need a PA. The pharmacy must **call Pharmacy Services at 1-866-399-0928** for an override to send the 72-hour supply for payment.

Exclusions

Below you will find a list of things that are not part of the Peach State PDL. The 72-hour emergency supply policy does not cover these drugs either.

- Drugs that are considered experimental
- Drug Efficacy Study and Implementation (DESI) drugs
- Drugs prescribed for weight loss
- Drugs prescribed for infertility
- Drugs prescribed for erectile dysfunction
- Drugs prescribed for cosmetic purposes or hair growth
- Cough and cold preparations
- Infusion therapy and supplies
- Physician administered drugs, that are not listed in the PDL, Specialty Drug Benefit, or the Physician Administered Drug Prior Authorization List

Newly Approved Products

Peach State Health Plan reviews new drugs before adding them to the PDL. These medicines will need a PA review until they are added to the PDL. If it is not approved, Peach State Health Plan and Pharmacy Services will send a letter to you and a fax to your doctor. The letter will have a list of other similar medicines. It will also tell you about the appeal process.

Over-the-Counter Medications

The Peach State Health Plan PDL covers some OTC medicines. These OTCs are covered when your doctor writes a prescription for one of them.

Tobacco Cessation Medications

Tobacco Cessation is when you quit smoking cigarettes. These are the medicines Peach State Health Plan covers: generic nicotine replacement products (gum, lozenges, and patches) and bupropion SR (Zyban). You will need a prescription from your doctor for these medicines.

Generic Drugs

Brand-name drugs will not be covered without PA when an acceptable generic is available. Generic drugs have the same active ingredient and work the same as brand-name drugs. If you or your doctor feels a brand-name is needed, your doctor can ask for PA. We will cover the brand-name drug if there is a medical reason you need the brand-name. If it is not approved, Peach State Health Plan and Pharmacy Services will send a letter to you and a fax to your doctor. The letter will have a list of other medicine. It will also tell you about the appeal process.

Drug Efficacy Study and Implementation Drugs

Drug Efficacy Study and Implementation (DESI) drugs are said to be less effective by the Food and Drug Administration. DESI products are not covered by Peach State Health Plan.

Filling a Prescription

You can have medicine filled at a Peach State Health Plan pharmacy. You can find a pharmacy by calling Peach State Health Plan Member Services. You can also look for a pharmacy close to you using the Provider-Lookup tool on the website. You will need to give the pharmacist your prescription and Peach State Health Plan ID card. Your pharmacy may ask for other forms of identification, like driver's license or state ID.

Ordering, Prescribing and Referring (OPR) Provider Requirements

Georgia Medicaid and the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) want your doctor to be listed with Georgia Medicaid. Peach State Health Plan and Pharmacy Services check pharmacy claims to be sure the pharmacy and doctor on your prescription are enrolled with Georgia Families[®]. If a non-enrolled doctor writes your prescription, the prescription will be rejected. Your pharmacy will not be able to fill prescriptions for you if it is not enrolled in Georgia Families[®].

Copayments

The table below shows co-pay amounts for the drugs. The co-pay is based on the actual cost of the medicine. Co-pays are not required for:

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- Children under the age of 21 who are covered under the Medicaid benefit
- PeachCare for Kids® members under age 6
- Pregnant women
- Family planning supplies
- Members in the hospital or a nursing home
- Alaskan Eskimo members, or American Indian members
- Members with breast and/or cervical cancer

Prescription	Member Copayment
Preferred Drug List (PDL) Medicine	\$0.50
Non-PDL Medicine	
Under \$10.00	\$0.50
Between \$10.01 and \$25.00	\$1.00
Between \$25.01 and \$50.00	\$2.00
More than \$50.01	\$3.00

Contact Information

Peach State Health Plan Member Services: 1-800-704-1484
Fax: 1-800-659-7518

Peach State Health Plan Member Services TTY/TDD: 1-800-255-0056

Pharmacy Services Prior Authorizations: 1-866-399-0928
Fax: 1-833-582-2342

Express Scripts Pharmacy Help Desk: 1- 833-750-4403

Language Assistance

Do you need this book translated? Do you need help understanding this book? If you do, call Peach State Health Plan's Member Service line at 1-800-704-1484. If you are hearing impaired, call our TDD/TTY at 1-800-255-0056. To get this information in large font or audiotope, call Member Services. Interpreter services are provided free of charge to you. Peach State Health Plan has a telephone language line available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Preferred Drug List ABBREVIATIONS

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PREFERRED DRUG LIST TIER ABBREVIATIONS	
Tier	Tier Definitions
<i>P</i>	Preferred Drug
<i>NP</i>	Non-Preferred Drug
REQUIREMENT or LIMITS	
Requirement/Limits	Requirement/Limit Description
<i>AL</i>	Age Limit: Drug is limited to a specific age
<i>PA</i>	Prior Authorization: Review required before prescription can be filled
<i>QL</i>	Quantity Limit: There is a limit on the amount covered per prescription or within a set time frame.
<i>Rx/OTC</i>	Product has both prescription and over the counter coverage
<i>SP</i>	Specialty Drug: High-cost drugs used to treat complex conditions, such as multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, hepatitis C, and hemophilia and may be limited to a specific pharmacy.
<i>ST</i>	Step Therapy: Requires trial and failure of one or more preferred products prior to coverage.
CLINICAL EDIT DESCRIPTIONS	
Edit Name	Edit Description
<i>Opioid</i>	<p>Short-acting opioid medicines can only be filled for 7-days at a time when no opioids are filled in the past 180 days (Treatment-Naïve). This limit is extended to 30-day fills when a member has a medical history of cancer, sickle cell, or palliative care in their records.</p> <p>Treatment-Naïve* Limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Dose Max = 50 MME** • Day Supply Max = 7 days • Must use Short-acting opioids before Long-acting opioids <p>*Treatment-Naïve means no opioid fill in last 180 days **MME = Morphine Milligram Equivalent</p>
<i>Test Strips</i>	<p>Insulin users are limited to 150 strips per 30 days; Non-insulin users are limited to 100 strips per 90 days EXCEPTIONS: The below members may get up to 200 strips per 30 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members who are less than 18 years old • Members with a Gestational Diabetes or Diabetes in Pregnancy
STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS	

Dose Form	Dose Form Description	Dose Form	Dose Form Description
<i>AEPB</i>	Aerosol Powder Breath Activated	<i>CREA</i>	Cream
<i>AERB</i>	Aerosol, breath activated	<i>CSDR</i>	Capsule Delayed Release Sprinkle
<i>AERO</i>	Aerosol	<i>DEVI</i>	Device
<i>AJKT</i>	Auto-injector Kit	<i>ELIX</i>	Elixir
<i>AUIJ</i>	Auto-injector	<i>EMUL</i>	Emulsion
<i>CAPS</i>	Capsule	<i>ENEM</i>	Enema
<i>CHEW</i>	Tablet Chewable	<i>EX</i>	External
<i>CONC</i>	Concentrate	<i>GRAN</i>	Granules
<i>CP12</i>	Capsule ER 12 HR	<i>IJ</i>	Injection
<i>CP24</i>	Capsule ER 24 HR	<i>IMPL</i>	Implant
<i>CPCR</i>	Capsule ER	<i>INHA</i>	Inhaler
<i>CPDR</i>	Capsule Delayed Release	<i>INJ</i>	Injectable
<i>CPEP</i>	Capsule Enteric Coated Particles	<i>IUD</i>	Intrauterine Device
<i>CPSP</i>	Capsule Sprinkle	<i>IV</i>	Intravenous

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<i>LIQD</i>	Liquid	<i>SOLR</i>	Solution Reconstituted
<i>LOTN</i>	Lotion	<i>SOPN</i>	Solution Pen-injector
<i>LOZG</i>	Lozenge	<i>SOSY</i>	Solution Prefilled Syringe
<i>LPOP</i>	Lollipop	<i>SRER</i>	Suspension Reconstituted ER
<i>MISC</i>	Miscellaneous	<i>STRP</i>	Strip
<i>NA</i>	Nasal	<i>SUBL</i>	Tablet Sublingual
<i>NEBU</i>	Nebulization solution	<i>SUER</i>	Suspension Extended Release
<i>OINT</i>	Ointment	<i>SUPN</i>	Suspension Pen-injector
<i>OP</i>	Ophthalmic	<i>SUPP</i>	Suppository
<i>OPHT</i>	Ophthalmic	<i>SUSP</i>	Suspension
<i>OR</i>	Oral	<i>SUSR</i>	Suspension Reconstituted
<i>PACK</i>	Packet	<i>SUSY</i>	Suspension Prefilled Syringe
<i>PEN</i>	Pen-injector	<i>SYRP</i>	Syrup
<i>PNKT</i>	Pen-injector Kit	<i>T12A</i>	Tablet ER 12 Hour Abuse-Deterrent
<i>POT</i>	Potassium	<i>TABS</i>	Tablets
<i>POWD</i>	Powder	<i>TB12</i>	Tablet ER 12 Hour
<i>PRSY</i>	Prefilled Syringe	<i>TB24</i>	Tablet ER 24 Hour
<i>PSKT</i>	Prefilled Syringe Kit	<i>TBCR</i>	Tablet ER
<i>PSTE</i>	Paste	<i>TBDP</i>	Tablet Dispersible
<i>PT24</i>	Patch 24 Hour	<i>TBEC</i>	Tablet Enteric Coated
<i>PT72</i>	Patch 72 Hour	<i>TBEF</i>	Tablet Effervescent
<i>PTCH</i>	Patch	<i>TBPK</i>	Tablet Therapy Pack
<i>PTTW</i>	Patch Biweekly	<i>TBSO</i>	Tablet Soluble
<i>PTWK</i>	Patch Weekly	<i>TEST</i>	Diagnostic Test
<i>RE</i>	Rectal	<i>TINC</i>	Tincture
<i>S.O.P.</i>	Sterile Ophthalmic Preparation	<i>TROC</i>	Troche
<i>SHAM</i>	Shampoo	<i>VA</i>	Vaginal
<i>SOAJ</i>	Solution Auto-injector	<i>VI</i>	Visual Indicator
<i>SOCT</i>	Solution Cartridge	<i>WAFR</i>	Wafer
<i>SOLN</i>	Solution	<i>XR</i>	Extended Release