



**Washington State Health Care Authority**  
**Prescription Drug Program**

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Dear Interested Party,

Based on recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Health Care Authority, Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List (PDL), effective January 1, 2020:

Newer Anticoagulant Drugs Reviewed 6/20/2018		Agency Coverage		
Ingredient Name	Label Name of Preferred Product	L&I	Medicaid	UMP
apixaban	Eliquis <sup>®</sup> tablet	No	<a href="#">See Apple Health PDL</a>	Yes
dabigatran etexilate mesylate	Pradaxa <sup>®</sup> capsule	No		Yes
The effect of this recommendation is no change to the PDL.				

Asthma Biologics reviewed 4/18/2018		Agency Coverage		
Ingredient Name	Label Name of Preferred Product	L&I	Medicaid	UMP
mepolizumab	Nucala <sup>®</sup> subcutaneous injection	No	<a href="#">See Apple Health PDL</a>	Yes
omalizumab	Xolair <sup>®</sup> subcutaneous injection	No		Yes
The effect of this recommendation is to make Nucala <sup>®</sup> and Xolair <sup>®</sup> preferred on the WA PDL.				

CGRP Inhibitors reviewed 12/18/2018		Agency Coverage		
Ingredient Name	Label Name of Preferred Product	L&I	Medicaid	UMP
galcanezumab	Emgality <sup>®</sup> subcutaneous injection	No	<a href="#">See Apple Health PDL</a>	Yes
The effect of this recommendation is to make Emgality <sup>®</sup> preferred on the WA PDL.				

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure. You may view the current PDL on our [website](#).

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Leta Evaskus at (206) 521-2029 or by email at [leta.evaskus@hca.wa.gov](mailto:leta.evaskus@hca.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Donna L. Sullivan".

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