



Step Therapy Edits

San Francisco Health Plan has Step Therapy (ST) medications listed on the Healthy Workers HMO formulary. These medications will process at the point of sale at the pharmacy if there are paid claims for the preferred medications. If there are no paid claims for the preferred medications, a prior authorization request must be submitted for consideration of coverage.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Preferred Medications
alogliptin	Nesina [®]	metformin containing product
alogliptin-metformin	Kazano [®]	metformin containing product
alogliptin-pioglitazone	Oseni [®]	metformin containing product
dapagliflozin	Farxiga [®]	metformin containing product
dapagliflozin-metformin	Xigduo XR [®]	metformin containing product
difluprednate 0.05% ophthalmic emulsion	Durezol [®]	prednisolone acetate 1% suspension OR fluometholone 0.1% suspension
empagliflozin	Jardiance [®]	metformin containing product
empagliflozin-linagliptin	Glyxambi [®]	metformin containing product
empagliflozin-linagliptin-metformin	Trijardy [®] XR	metformin containing product
empagliflozin-metformin, empagliflozin-metformin ER	Synjardy [®] , Synjardy XR [®]	metformin containing product
epinastine 0.05% eye drops	Elestat [®]	ketotifen
eplerenone	Inspra [®]	spironolactone
estradiol vaginal ring	Estring [®]	estradiol vaginal cream or estradiol vaginal tab
estrogens, conjugated cream	Premarin [®]	estradiol vaginal cream or estradiol vaginal tab
eszopiclone 2 mg	Lunesta [®]	Prior use of 1 mg
eszopiclone 3 mg	Lunesta [®]	Prior use of 2 mg



Generic Name	Brand Name	Preferred Medications
fluticasone-umeclidinium-vilanterol	Trelegy Ellipta [®]	Prior use of a combination of all three medication classes: long-acting muscarinic antagonist, long-acting beta agonist, and inhaled corticosteroid
insulin degludec	Tresiba [®] , Tresiba Flextouch [®]	insulin glargine, insulin glargine-yfgn, or Rezvoglar [™]
levalbuterol	Xopenex [®]	albuterol sulfate product, nebulizer, or albuterol HFA
liraglutide	Victoza [®]	metformin containing product
mesalamine DR	Asacol [®] HD	mesalamine 1.2 g
metronidazole gel	Metrogel [®] 1%	metronidazole 0.75% gel
naratriptan	Amerge [®]	sumatriptan AND rizatriptan
olopatadine 0.1% eye drops	Patanol [®]	ketotifen
patiromer	Veltassa [®]	Lokelma [®]
prednisolone acetate 0.12% eye drops	Pred Mild [®]	Prednisolone AC 1%
ranolazine	Ranexa [®]	Trial and failure with ONE of the following: beta blocker, calcium channel blocker, or long-acting nitrate
rifaximin	Xifaxan [®]	lactulose
semaglutide	Ozempic [®] , Rybelsus [®]	metformin containing product
solifenacin	Vesicare [®]	oxybutynin
tacrolimus	Protopic [®]	1 medium to high potency topical steroid
emtricitabine-tenofovir alafenamide fumarate (AF)	Descovy [®]	emtricitabine-tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (DF)
tirzepatide	Mounjaro [®]	metformin containing product
tobramycin-dexamethasone	Tobradex [®]	neomycin-bacitracin-polymyxin B-hydrocortisone OR neomycin-polymyxin B-dexamethasone ointment



Generic Name	Brand Name	Preferred Medications
tolterodine, tolterodine ER	Detrol [®] , Detrol LA [®]	oxybutynin
tropium, trospium ER	Sanctura [®] , Sanctura XR [®]	oxybutynin
zolpidem 10 mg	Ambien [®]	Prior use of 5 mg for initial dose (female patients only)
zolpidem CR	Ambien CR [®]	Trial and failure of at least 2 of the formulary alternatives, including zolpidem IR: eszopiclone, zaleplon, temazepam

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