

Topical Steroids on the Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drug List (CDL) by Potency

As of May 2023

Generic Name	Formulation	Brand Name	Strength	PA Required
Super high potency (Group 1)				
Betamethasone dipropionate, augmented	Ointment	Diprolene	0.05%	Yes
	Lotion	Diprolene	0.05%	Yes
	Gel	Diprolene	0.05%	Yes
Clobetasol propionate	Ointment	Temovate	0.05%	No
	Cream		0.05%	No
	Cream, emollient base		0.05%	Yes
	Gel		0.05%	Yes
	Lotion	Clobex	0.05%	Yes
	Lotion pump	Impeklo	0.05%	Yes
	Foam aerosol	Olux-E	0.05%	Yes
	Foam aerosol (scalp)	Olux	0.05%	Yes
	Shampoo	Clobex	0.05%	Yes
	Solution (scalp)		0.05%	No
	Spray aerosol	Clobex	0.05%	Yes
Fluocinonide	Cream	Vanos	0.1%	Yes
Halobetasol propionate	Ointment	Ultravate	0.05%	Yes
	Cream	Ultravate	0.05%	Yes
	Lotion	Ultravate	0.05%	Yes
	Foam	Lexette	0.05%	Yes

Generic Name	Formulation	Brand Name	Strength	PA Required
High potency (Group 2)				
Betamethasone dipropionate	Ointment		0.05%	No
	Cream, augmented	AF	0.05%	Yes
Desoximetasone	Ointment	Topicort	0.25%	Yes
	Cream	Topicort	0.25%	Yes
	Gel	Topicort	0.05%	Yes
	Spray	Topicort	0.25%	Yes
Diflorasone diacetate	Cream, emollient	ApexiCon E	0.05%	Yes
	Ointment		0.05%	Yes
Fluocinonide	Ointment		0.05%	No
	Gel		0.05%	No
	Solution		0.05%	No
	Cream		0.05%	No
Halcinonide	Ointment	Halog	0.1%	Yes
	Cream	Halog	0.1%	Yes
	Solution	Halog	0.01%	Yes
Halobetasol	Lotion	Bryhali	0.01%	Yes
Medium high potency (Group 3)				
Amcinonide	Cream		0.1%	Yes
Betamethasone dipropionate	Cream		0.05%	No
Betamethasone valerate	Ointment		0.1%	Yes
	Foam		0.12%	Yes
Desoximetasone	Cream	Topicort LP	0.05%	Yes
	Ointment	Topicort LP	0.05%	Yes
Diflorasone diacetate	Cream	Psorcon	0.05%	Yes
Fluocinonide E (emollient)	Cream		0.05%	Yes
Fluticasone propionate	Ointment		0.005%	Yes
Mometasone furoate	Ointment		0.1%	Yes
Triamcinolone acetonide	Ointment	Trianex	0.5%	No
	Cream	Triderm	0.5%	No

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Medium potency (Group 4)				
Clocortolone pivalate	Cream	Cloderm	0.1%	Yes
Fluocinolone acetonide	Ointment	Synalar	0.025%	No
Flurandrenolide	Ointment	Cordran	0.05%	Yes
Hydrocortisone valerate	Ointment		0.2%	Yes
Mometasone furoate	Cream	Elocon	0.1%	Yes
	Solution		0.1%	Yes
Triamcinolone acetonide	Cream		0.1%	No
	Ointment		0.1%	No
	Ointment	Trianex	0.05%	Yes
	Aerosol spray	Kenalog	0.147 mg/g	Yes
Lower-mid potency (group 5)				
Betamethasone dipropionate	Lotion		0.05%	Yes
Betamethasone valerate	Cream		0.1%	Yes
Desonide	Ointment		0.05%	Yes
	Gel	Desonate	0.05%	Yes
Fluocinolone acetonide	Cream	Synalar	0.025%	No
Flurandrenolide	Cream	Cordran	0.05%	Yes
	Lotion	Cordran	0.05%	Yes
Fluticasone propionate	Cream	Cutivate	0.05%	No
	Lotion	Cutivate	0.05%	Yes
Hydrocortisone butyrate	Ointment	Locoid	0.1%	Yes
	Cream	Locoid	0.1%	Yes
	Lotion	Locoid	0.1%	Yes
	Solution	Locoid	0.1%	Yes
Hydrocortisone butyrate, emollient	Cream	Locoid Lipocream	0.1%	Yes
Hydrocortisone probutate	Cream	Pandel	0.1%	Yes
Hydrocortisone valerate	Cream		0.2%	Yes
Prednicarbate	Cream		0.1%	No
	Ointment	Dermatop	0.1%	Yes

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Lower-mid potency (group 5) continued				
Triamcinolone acetonide	Lotion	Kenalog	0.1%	Yes
	Ointment	Kenalog	0.025%	No
Low potency (group 6)				
Alclometasone dipropionate	Ointment		0.05%	No
	Cream		0.05%	No
Betamethasone valerate	Lotion		0.1%	Yes
Desonide	Cream	DesOwen	0.05%	Yes
	Lotion	DesOwen	0.05%	Yes
	Foam	Verdeso	0.05%	Yes
Fluocinolone acetonide	Cream		0.01%	No
	Solution	Synalar	0.01%	No
	Oil (scalp)	Derma-Smoothe/FS	0.01%	No
	Oil (body)	Derma-Smoothe/FS	0.01%	No
Triamcinolone acetonide	Cream		0.025%	No
	Lotion		0.025%	No
Least potent (group 7)				
Hydrocortisone (base)	Cream		2.5%	No
	Lotion		2.5%	No
	Ointment		2.5%	No
	Cream/PR applicator	Proctosol-HC	2.5%	No
	Solution	Texacort	2.5%	Yes
	Lotion	Scalacort	2.5%	No
	Lotion (aloe vera)	Nucort	1%	Yes
	Ointment	Cortaid, Cortizone-10	1%	No
	Cream	Cortaid	1%	No