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## CHANGE IN PREFERRED DRUG LIST STATUS FOR ANTIVIRALS, TOPICAL DRUG CLASS, EFFECTIVE DEC. 29, 2025

### BACKGROUND

Bausch Health, the manufacturer of Zovirax cream and ointment, exited from the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program. In response, HHSC removed the non-preferred status from certain generic acyclovir cream and ointment products on the preferred drug list (PDL) to address impacts to drug availability.

### KEY DETAILS

HHSC removed the non-preferred status for the drugs in the table below, effective Dec. 29, 2025. These changes allow providers to prescribe certain acyclovir topical products without the requirement of a PDL prior authorization and continue access to necessary medication for members.

NDC	Drug Name
00591115930	ACYCLOVIR 5% OINTMENT
13668051501	ACYCLOVIR 5% OINTMENT
13668051502	ACYCLOVIR 5% OINTMENT
16714088501	ACYCLOVIR 5% OINTMENT
16714088502	ACYCLOVIR 5% OINTMENT
33342043930	ACYCLOVIR 5% OINTMENT
00093363020	ACYCLOVIR 5% CREAM
72578010105	ACYCLOVIR 5% CREAM
45802004475	ACYCLOVIR 5% CREAM
51672136105	ACYCLOVIR 5% CREAM
62332042305	ACYCLOVIR 5% CREAM
65162083614	ACYCLOVIR 5% CREAM

### QUESTIONS

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