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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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