



# THE PRESCRIBER e-LETTER

## Effective January 5, 2026 – Changes to MassHealth Management of Genvoya®, Stribild®, Odefsey®, and Complera®

Effective January 5, 2026, MassHealth will require prior authorization (PA) for use of the following medications for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

- Genvoya® (elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide)
- Stribild® (elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate)
- Odefsey® (emtricitabine/rilpivirine/tenofovir alafenamide)
- Complera® (emtricitabine/rilpivirine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate).

In general, PA will require appropriate diagnosis and rationale for use of the agents over available alternatives including the commercially available separate agents, if applicable (see table below).

- For **Odefsey®** (emtricitabine/rilpivirine/tenofovir alafenamide) the same regimen is available without PA as **Descovy®** (emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide) plus **Edurant®** (rilpivirine).
- For **Complera®** (emtricitabine/rilpivirine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) the same regimen is available without PA as generic **emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate** plus **Edurant®** (rilpivirine).

Providers are encouraged to work with patients to determine appropriate alternatives, and should consider patient-specific factors like pregnancy, comorbidities, and treatment history.

A list of commonly used alternative antiretroviral therapies covered without PA, within quantity limits, is below. A full list of covered antiretrovirals is available on the [MassHealth Drug List \(MHDL\)](#).

If necessary, while a PA is being submitted, pharmacies may reach out to the member's health plan to request emergency supplies to ensure that treatment is not disrupted.

The MassHealth Drug List is on the MassHealth Pharmacy Program website at [www.mass.gov/masshealth/pharmacy](http://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pharmacy).

| Alternative Antiretroviral Therapies Available Without PA Within Quantity Limits |                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Drug Brand Name                                                                  | Drug Generic Name                                              |
| <b>Combination products</b>                                                      |                                                                |
| Triumeq                                                                          | abacavir / dolutegravir / lamivudine                           |
| Epzicom                                                                          | abacavir / lamivudine                                          |
| Trizivir                                                                         | abacavir / lamivudine / zidovudine                             |
| Evotaz                                                                           | atazanavir / cobicistat                                        |
| Biktarvy                                                                         | bictegravir / emtricitabine / tenofovir alafenamide            |
| Cabenuva                                                                         | cabotegravir / rilpivirine                                     |
| Prezcobix                                                                        | darunavir / cobicistat                                         |
| Symtuza                                                                          | darunavir / cobicistat / emtricitabine / tenofovir alafenamide |

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| Drug Brand Name                                                                  | Drug Generic Name                                       |
| <b>Combination products</b>                                                      |                                                         |
| Dovato                                                                           | dolutegravir / lamivudine                               |
| Juluca                                                                           | dolutegravir / rilpivirine                              |
| Delstrigo                                                                        | doravirine / lamivudine / tenofovir disoproxil fumarate |
| Atripla                                                                          | efavirenz / emtricitabine / tenofovir                   |
| Descovy                                                                          | emtricitabine / tenofovir alafenamide                   |
| Truvada                                                                          | emtricitabine / tenofovir disoproxil fumarate           |
| Combivir                                                                         | lamivudine / zidovudine                                 |
| <b>Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NNRTIs)</b>                  |                                                         |
| Pifeltro                                                                         | doravirine                                              |
|                                                                                  | efavirenz                                               |
| Intelligence                                                                     | etravirine                                              |
|                                                                                  | nevirapine                                              |
| Eduvant                                                                          | rilpivirine                                             |
| <b>Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NRTIs)</b>                       |                                                         |
| Ziagen                                                                           | abacavir                                                |
|                                                                                  | didanosine                                              |
| Emtriva                                                                          | emtricitabine                                           |
| Epivir                                                                           | lamivudine 10 mg/mL solution                            |
| Epivir                                                                           | lamivudine 150 mg, 300 mg tablet                        |
|                                                                                  | stavudine                                               |
| Retrovir                                                                         | zidovudine                                              |
| <b>Protease Inhibitors (PI)</b>                                                  |                                                         |
| Reyataz                                                                          | atazanavir                                              |
| Prezista                                                                         | darunavir                                               |
| Kaletra                                                                          | lopinavir / ritonavir                                   |
| Viracept                                                                         | nelfinavir                                              |
| Norvir                                                                           | ritonavir packet                                        |
| Norvir                                                                           | ritonavir tablet                                        |
| Aptivus                                                                          | tipranavir                                              |

The *Prescriber e-Letter* is an update designed to enhance the transparency and efficiency of the MassHealth drug prior-authorization (PA) process and the MassHealth Drug List. Each issue **highlights** key clinical **information and updates** to the **MassHealth Drug List**. The Prescriber E-Letter was prepared by the MassHealth Drug Utilization Review Program and the MassHealth Pharmacy Program.