

HORMONE THERAPY PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE GUIDE COLORADO 2019



This document can be used to review the coverage and forms of hormone therapy by each insurance company. Not all health plans cover all prescriptions. Each insurance company has a list of prescriptions they cover, called a formulary or drug list, on their website. These lists often split drugs into 'tiers' or categories, which determine your share of the costs. While some plans have a copay for prescriptions—a fixed amount that starts right away—other plans require you to pay the full cost until you hit a prescription deductible (if there is one) or your overall plan deductible, which is more common. This document does not review each plan offered through each carrier.

Lower tiers generally mean generic and lower-cost drugs. **Middle tiers** often include brand name drugs. **Higher tiers** generally include specialty drugs or drugs administered in a medical facility (although this is not the case for Denver Health Medical Plan, whose fifth tier covers zero cost-share drugs). Each company tiers drugs differently, so it is important that you look at each plan specifically to see what the medications may cost you.

This is a summary of hormone therapy drugs available, but may not be an exhaustive list. Want to know if your prescription medication is covered? You can use the [Quick Cost and Plan Finder tool](https://planfinder.connectforhealthco.com) offered by [Connect for Health Colorado](https://planfinder.connectforhealthco.com), found at <https://planfinder.connectforhealthco.com>.

You can click on the hyperlinked name of each insurance company below for more information about how each company tiers their drugs.

NC = Not Covered **PA** = Requires Prior Authorization **MB** = Medical Benefit (administered in a medical setting)

	Bright Health	Cigna	Denver Health Medical Plan (Elevate)	Friday Health Plans of Colorado	Anthem (HMO Colorado)	Kaiser Permanente	Rocky Mountain Health Plan*
injection							
cream or gel							
tablet or capsule							
implant							
patch							
Total Number of Tiers/Drug Levels	5	6	5	4	5	4	6
ESTROGEN TIER LEVELS							
Depo-Estradiol (Estradiol Cypionate)	NC	NC	NC	3	NC	1,2	6
Estradiol	2	1	5	1,3	1	1,2	1
Estradiol (patch)	2	2	5	1,3	1	NC	1
Estradiol Valerate	2	NC	5	3	NC	1,2	6
PROGESTERONE TIER LEVELS							
Medroxyprogesterone Acetate	1	1	5	1, 3	1	1,2	1
Medroxyprogesterone Acetate	2	1	1,3	1, 3	1		1
Micronized Progesterone	2	2	1,3	NC	1	2	1
ANTI-ANDROGEN TIER LEVELS							
Spirolactone	2	2	1,3	1	1	1	1
Finasteride	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
Dutasteride	2	2	1	1	NC	NC	1
TESTOSTERONE TIER LEVELS							
DepoTestosterone/Testosterone Cypionate	2, PA	2	1, PA	1	1	2	6,PA
Testosterone Enanthate	2, PA	2	1, PA	1	NC	NC	6, PA
AndroGel	2, PA	NC	1,2, PA	2, PA	3, PA	NC	3, PA
Androderm	NC	NC	3, PA	2, PA	NC	2	2, PA
AndroPlus	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
PUBERTY BLOCKERS TIER LEVELS							
Leuprolide Acetate	5, PA	2, PA	4,4PA	4, PA	3, PA	MB	6, MB
Lupron Depot	5, PA	5, PA	4, 4PA	4, PA	NC	MB	6, MB
Supprelin (Histrelin Acetate)	NC	NC	4, PA	NC	NC	MB	6, MB

*Rocky Mountain Health Plan did not have their prescription drug coverage information available at the time of publication. This information is based on their 2018 plans, and it is recommended that individuals review their plans before purchasing.