REPORT OF THE
STATE INSURANCE PROGRAMS OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

November 20, 2026

Senator Justin Boyd and Representative Les D. Eaves, Co-Chairs:

The State Insurance Programs Oversight Subcommittee met on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., in Committee Room A, Multi Agency Complex, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Subcommittee **approved the following items** as presented by Grant Wallace, Director of the Employee Benefits Division (EBD) and the Office of Property Risk:

1. Approved Exhibit B1 – September Formulary Recommendations;
2. Approved Exhibit B2 – October Formulary Recommendations with items 7, 8, and 9 concerning maintenance of pregnancy drugs held until the December subcommittee meeting; and
3. Approved Exhibit B3 – November Medical Drug Recommendations.

Exhibits B1-B3 are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Jim Petty and Representative Robin Lundstrum

EXHIBIT B1

September 2026 EBD Pharmacy Formulary Recommendations							
No	**Drug Name**	**Date Drug Cosidered by EBD**	**Use**	**Current Setup**	**EBD Recommendation (based on input from EBRx and Navitus)**	**Impacted Members**	**Cost Details**
1	JANUMET XR TAB	*11/3/26*	*Type II Diabetes*	Tier 2, QL	**NC**	12 (90 day grandfather)	WAC: $5.50 - $11.00 per tab
2	sitagliptin-metformin er tab	*11/3/26*	*Type II Diabetes*	NTM	**Tier 2, QL= 2 tabs/day**	0	WAC: $4.95 - $9.90 per tab
3	NUEDEXTA	*11/3/26*	*Pseudobulbar Affect*	Tier 2, PA, QL	**NC**	2 (90 day grandfather)	WAC: $27.83 per cap
4	dextromethorphan-quinidine cap	*11/3/26*	*Pseudobulbar Affect*	NTM	**Tier 2, PA, QL= 2 caps/day**	0	WAC: $26.44 per cap
5	PRIFTIN	*11/3/26*	*Tuberculosis*	Tier 2	**NC**	0	WAC: $5.06 per tab
6	rifapentine tab	*11/3/26*	*Tuberculosis*	NTM	**Tier 2**	0	WAC: $5.00 per tab
7	adapalene	*11/3/26*	*Acne*	Tier 2, PA (if age ≥ 26)	**Tier 2 for members 25 and younger; All other members NC**	4 (lifetime grandfather)	WAC: $5.15 per gram
8	tretinoin	*11/3/26*	*Acne*	Tier 2, PA (if age ≥ 26)	**Tier 2 for members 25 and younger; All other members NC**	693 (lifetime grandfather)	WAC: $3.47 per gram
9	RETIN-A	*11/3/26*	*Acne*	Tier 1, PA (if age ≥ 26)	**Tier 1 for members 25 and younger; All other members NC**	9 (lifetime grandfather)	WAC: $4.19 per gram
10	eltrombopag powderpack for suspension	*11/3/26*	*Low Platelets*	Tier 1, SP, PA, QL	**NC**	0	WAC: $205.66 per pack
11	TRYNGOLZA INJ	*11/3/26*	*Severe Hypertriglyceridemia*	NTM	**Tier 4, SP, PA, QL= 1 inj/28 days**	0	WAC: $3,333.33 per inj
12	SOMAVERT INJ	*11/3/26*	*Acromegaly*	Tier 4, PA, SP	**NC**	1 lifetime grandfather	*WAC: $171.38 - $919.63 per vial*
13	OMLYCLO SYRINGE	*11/3/26*	*Immunomodulator*	NTM	**Tier 4, SP, PA, QL**	0	WAC: $1,320.70 per mL
14	PENTASA CR CAP	*11/3/26*	*Ulcerative Colitis*	NTM	**NC**	0	O WAC: $3.04 per cap Y WAC: $2.73 per cap
15	ALBUTEROL HFA INHALER albuterol sulfate inhal aero 108MCG/ACT	*11/3/26*	*Asthma*	Tier 1, QL	**NC**	255 (as needed use only, so no grandfather needed)	O WAC: $3.17 per gram Y WAC: $2.00 per gram

No	Drug Name	Date Drug Cosidered by EBD	Use	Current Setup	EBD Recommendation (based on input from EBRx and Navitus)	Impacted Members	Cost Details
16	tofacitinib citrate tab	*11/3/26*	*TIMs*	Tier 1, SP, PA, QL	Tier 1, SP, ~~**PA**~~, **ST**, QL= 2 tabs/day	4 (positive impact)	WAC: $1.00 - $37.00 per tab
17	tofacitinib citrate oral soln	*11/3/26*	*TIMs*	Tier 1, SP, PA, QL	Tier 1, SP, ~~**PA**~~, **ST**, QL= 10mL/day	0	WAC: $2.00 - $7.00 per mL
18	tofacitinib citrate ER tab	*11/3/26*	*TIMs*	Tier 1, SP, PA, QL	Tier 1, SP, ~~**PA**~~, **ST**, QL= 1 tab/day	24 (positive impact)	WAC: $6.00 - $185.00 per tab
19	BOSULIF CAP	*11/3/26*	*Cancer*	Tier 4, SP, PA	**NC**	0	WAC: $185.40 per cap
20	LIDOCAINE JELLY 2%	*11/3/26*	*Pain*	NC	**Tier 2**	0	WAC: $0.50 - $3.33 per mL
21	CARDAMYST NASAL SPRAY	*11/3/26*	*Supraventicular Tachycardia*	NTM	**NC**	0	WAC: $824.50 per dose
22	EXXUA TAB	*11/3/26*	*Depression*	NTM	**NC**	0	WAC: $60.73 per tab
23	FORZINITY INJ	*11/3/26*	*Barth Syndrome*	NTM	**NC**	0	WAC: $61,044 per 28 days
24	FOUNDAYO TAB	*11/3/26*	*Obesity*	NTM	**EXC (weight loss)**	0	WAC: $21.63 per tab
25	HYRNUO TAB	*11/3/26*	*Lung Cancer*	NTM	**NC**	0	WAC: $24,000 per 30 days
26	KOMZIFTI CAP	*11/3/26*	*Cancer*	NTM	**NC**	0	WAC: $48,500 per 30 days
27	OMLONTI OPHTH SOLN	*11/3/26*	*Glaucoma*	NTM	**NC**	0	WAC: ~$350 per 30 days
28	VOYXACT INJ	*11/3/26*	*Primary Immunoglobulin A Nephropathy*	NTM	**NC**	0	WAC: $30,000 per 30 days
29	RASONQUE TAB	*11/3/26*	*Cancer*	NTM	**Tier 4, SP, PA, QL = 2 tabs/day**	0	WAC: $663.33 per tab

EXHIBIT B2

October 2026 EBD Pharmacy Formulary Recommendations							
No.	**Drug Name**	**Date Drug Cosidered by EBD**	**Use**	**Current Setup**	**EBD Recommendation (based on input from EBRx and Navitus)**	**Impacted Members**	**Cost Details**
1	BESREMI PEN (D2)	*11/3/2026*	*Blood Cancer*	NC/3P	**Tier 4, PA**	*0*	*WAC: $10,421 per inj*
2	GWYN LO PATCH	*11/3/2026*	*Contraceptive*	NTM	**NC**	*0*	*WAC: $66 per weekly patch*
3	BIXLENVO TAB	*11/3/2026*	*HIV*	NTM	**Tier 2**	0	WAC: $153.17 per tab
4	estradiol td gel	*11/3/2026*	*Vasomotor Symptoms due to Menopause*	NC	**Tier 1, QL= 1 packet/day**	1 (positive change)	WAC: $0.93-$4.21 per gram
5	estradiol td gel 1.25mg	*11/3/2026*	*Vasomotor Symptoms due to Menopause*	NC	**Tier 1, QL= 1 packet/day**	0	WAC: $0.93-$4.21 per gram
6	EVAMIST SPRAY	*11/3/2026*	*Vasomotor Symptoms due to Menopause*	NC	**Tier 2**	0	WAC: $18.96 per mL
7	ENDOMETRIN SUPP	*11/3/2026*	*Maintenance of Pregnancy*	Tier 2, PA	**NC**	0	WAC: $12.60-$15.58 per insert
8	ENDOMETRIN INSERT	*11/3/2026*	*Maintenance of Pregnancy*	Tier 2, PA	**NC**	0	WAC: $12.60-$15.58 per insert
9	progesterone vaginal insert	*11/3/2026*	*Maintenance of Pregnancy*	Tier 2, PA	**NC**	0	WAC: $12.60-$15.58 per insert
10	UPTRAVI THERAPY PACK (Titration pack)	*11/3/2026*	*Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension*	Tier 4, SP, PA, QL= 2 tabs/day	Tier 4, SP, PA, **QL= 1 pack/year (200 tablets/365 days)**	0	WAC: $181.75-$259.64 per tab
11	UPTRAVI THERAPY PACK (Starter Pack)	*11/3/2026*	*Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension*	Tier 4, SP, PA, QL= 2 tabs/day	Tier 4, SP, PA, **QL= 1 pack/year (140 tablets/365 days)**	0	WAC: $181.75-$259.64 per tab
12	ZYDELIG TAB	*11/3/2026*	*Cancer*	Tier 4, SP	**NC**	0	N/A

No.	Drug Name	Date Drug Cosidered by EBD	Use	Current Setup	EBD Recommendation (based on input from EBRx and Navitus)	Impacted Members	Cost Details
13	ACTIMMUNE INJ	*11/3/2026*	*Chronic Granulomatous Disease*	NC3P	**Tier 4, SP, PA**	0	WAC: $5,859.72 per vial
14	APRETUDE SUSP	*11/3/2026*	*HIV*	NC3P	**$0, PA, QL= 7 inj per year**	0	WAC: $4,334.73 per injection
15	CAYSTON INH SOLN	*11/3/2026*	*Cystic Fibrosis*	NC3P	**Tier 4, SP, Restricted Specialist (Infectious Disease or Pulmonology Specialist)**	0	WAC: $479.94 per day
16	MIRENA IUD	*11/3/2026*	*Contraceptive*	NC3P	**$0**	0	WAC: $1272.44 per device
17	SUBLOCADE SOLN, BRIXADI SOLN	*11/3/2026*	*Opioid Use Disorder*	NC3P	**Tier 4, SP**	0	WAC: $2,202.03 per injection
18	SUNLENCA INJ	*11/3/2026*	*HIV*	NC3P	**Tier 4, SP, QL = 2 vials per 26 weeks**	0	WAC: $10,333.74 per vial
19	SUNLENCA TAB	*11/3/2026*	*HIV*	NC3P	**Tier 4, SP, QL = 4 tabs per 28 days**	0	WAC: $861.15 per tab
20	SUNLENCA TAB 300MG	*11/3/2026*	*HIV*	NC3P	**Tier 4, SP, QL = 5 tabs per 28 days**	0	WAC: $861.15 per tab
21	VYVGART HYTRULO INJ	*11/3/2026*	*Myasthenia Gravis*	NC3P	**Tier 4, SP, PA, QL = 4 injections per 28 days**	0	WAC: $17,066.65 per injection

NTM = New To Market; NC = Not Covered; NC3P = Not Covered 3rd Party (medical benefit); WAC = Wholesale Acquisition Cost; SP = Specialty Pharmacy; PA = Prior Authorization; QL = Quantity Limit

EXHIBIT B3

November 2026 Medical Drug Recommendations to EBD Commissions						
No.	**Drug**	**Treating Diagnosis**	**Current**	**Recommendation**	**Cost (AWP)**	**Impacted members**
1	Hepcludex (bluevirtide acetate-GMOD 8.5mg vials)	Chronic Hepatitis D	NTM	**Exclude**	$339,976 per year	0
2	Decnupaz (pivekimab sunirine-PVZY 2mg vial)	Blastic plasmacytoid dendritic cell neoplasm (BPDCN) in adults	NTM	**Exclude**	$221,581 per 21 days, continue until disease progression or toxicity	0
3	Nufymco (ranibizumab-LEYK 0.3mg or 0.5mg/0.05mL)	Wet AMD, macular edema due to diabetes, macular retinal edema, myopic choroidal neovasularization, retinopathy due to diabetes	NTM	**No EBRx Restrictions**	$9,000-$19,000 per year	0
4	Yesafili (aflibercept-JBVF 2mg/0.05mL)		NTM	**No EBRx Restrictions**	$12,000 – 14,000 per year based on diagnosis	0
5	Vabysmo (faricimab)		No EBRx Restrictions	**Exclude**	$18,000 - $27,000 per year	212 (lifetime grandfather)
6	Tregzi (allo reg Tcell, HSPC, Tcell-VLDQ)	Post stem cell transplant	NTM	**Exclude**	$428,000 post stem cell transplant	0
7	Lumvoa (velicrotug-vvze 500mg/10mL vial)	Thyroid eye disease	NTM	**EBRx PA**	$313,600	0
8	Tepezza (teprotumumab)		No EBRx Restrictions	**Exclude**	$408,000	0
9	Lutathera (lutetium Lu 177 dotatate)	Gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumors	Exclude	**EBRx PA**	$140,000 per 4 dose course	3 (positive change)
10	Pluvicto (IV lutetium Lu 177 vipivotide tetraxetan)	Prostate cancer	Exclude	**EBRx PA**	$306,000 per 6 dose course	1 (positive change
11	Revtorpyk (gedatolisib 180mg vial)	Breast cancer	NTM	**EBRx PA**	$36,000 per 28 days	0
12	Kisunla (donanemab)	Mild Alzheimer disease	Exclude	**EBRx PA**	$4.185 per 2mg	0

NTM = new to market, PA = Prior Authorization, OS = Overall Survival, ORR = Overall Response Rate, MCID = Minimally Important Clinical Difference, No EBRx Restrictions = coverage will fall under Health Advantage policy

PA will be managed by EBRx, If no change occurs then the drug was re-reviewed by EBRx clinical committee for new data but no change in coverage