

Coverage Strategy for Compounds: Ingredient Exclusion List*

CVS/caremark recommends exclusion of these ingredients when present in a compound drug.

Category	Examples	Rationale
Proprietary Bases	PCCA Lipoderm Base, PCCA Custom Lipo-Max Cream, Versabase Cream, Versapro Cream, PCCA Pracasil Plus Base, Spirawash Gel Base, Versabase Gel, Lipopen Ultra Cream, Lipo Cream Base, Pentravan Cream/Cream Plus, VersaPro Gel, Versatile Cream Base, PLO Transdermal Cream, Transdermal Pain Base Cream, PCCA Emollient Cream Base, Penderm, Salt Stable LS Advanced Cream, Ultraderm Cream, Base Cream Liposome, Mediderm Cream Base, Salt Stable Cream.	Select bases associated with very high per gram costs and lack of high- quality clinical evidence to support benefit for use in compounds.
Drug Specific Bulk Powders	Muscle relaxants (e.g., baclofen, carisoprodol, cyclobenzaprine) Analgesics (e.g., sodium salicylate, aspirin) Antidepressants (e.g., trazodone HCl, desipramine HCl) Anti-inflammatory agents (e.g., fenoprofen Ca, flurbiprofen) Opioids (e.g., codeine phosphate, fentanyl citrate, morphine) Neuropathic Agents (e.g., droperidol, chlorpromazine HCl, lithium carbonate, phenobarbital, caffeine) Antiadrenergics (e.g., clonidine)	Included routinely in topical compounds. Bulk powder forms of these drug chemicals have not been adequately studied for transdermal administration. Efficacy and safety are unknown. FDA approved drugs for transdermal administration are available for some drugs in these therapeutic classes.
Hormone & Adrenal Bulk Powders	Androgens (e.g., danazol, methyltestosterone) Estrogens (e.g., estriol micronized, estradiol) Progestins (e.g., norethindrone acetate, progesterone) Corticosteroids (e.g., betamethasone Na phosphate, cortisone acetate)	Hormone replacement therapy (including those with bio-identical hormones) is commonly formulated into a variety of compound dosage forms. Insufficient clinical evidence exists for safety or effectiveness of compounded HRT.
Bulk Nutrients	Vitamins (e.g., thiamine HCl, niacin) Minerals, Electrolytes (e.g., sodium acetate, calcium carbonate) Amino Acids (e.g., calcium amino acid chelate 20%, zinc amino acid chelate 20%)	Commercial enteral nutritional products are available when needed for specific dietary management of certain diseases or conditions (e.g., low protein products for renal failure patients).
Bulk Compounding Agents	Surfactants (e.g., polyoxyl 50 stearate) Vehicles (e.g., ethyl alcohol 100%, alcohol gel base, sorbitol solution, cellulose gum oral thickening powder packet, acacia syrup, fixed oil suspension vehicle-liquid) Alkalizing Agents (e.g., trolamine liquid) Antiseptics, Disinfectants (e.g., glutaral, phenol) Pigments (e.g., methoxsalen, hydroquinone)	Ingredients commonly used in topical formulations to promote absorption, tolerance or palatability as seen with compounds for cosmetic uses.
Misc. Bulk Ingredients	Chelating Agents (e.g., penicillamine) Digestive Enzymes (e.g., pepsin) Keratolytics (e.g., cantharidin, podophyllum resin) Anesthetics (e.g., benzocaine, cocaine HCl, ketamine) Neuropathic Agents (e.g., gabapentin)	Additional ingredients found in various compounds for which there is insufficient clinical evidence of safety or effectiveness.

*Drug list may be subject to change.

This list is not intended to be all inclusive and is subject to change. It is representative of the ingredients used in compounded prescriptions that CVS/caremark recommends excluding from coverage.

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