



**Texas HHS Health and Specialty Care System  
Antipsychotic Tier Schedule**

<b>Tier</b>	<b>Generic</b>	<b>Relative Cost *</b>
<b>Tier 1:</b> No Prior Approval	Aripiprazole	HIGH
	Asenapine	HIGH
	Chlorpromazine	HIGH
	Fluphenazine	HIGH
	Fluphenazine Decanoate LAI	HIGH
	Haloperidol	HIGH
	Haloperidol Decanoate LAI	HIGH
	Loxapine	HIGH
	Lurasidone	MODERATE
	Olanzapine	MODERATE
	Perphenazine	HIGH
	Quetiapine <sup>1</sup>	MODERATE
	Risperidone	HIGH
	Thiothixene	HIGH
Trifluoperazine	HIGH	
<b>Tier 2:</b> Requires Documentation for Reason for Use Instead of Tier 1 Option	Aripiprazole lauroxil LAI (Aristada)	HIGH
	Aripiprazole LAI (Maintena)	HIGH
	Aripiprazole lauroxil LAI (Initio) <sup>2,3</sup>	HIGH
	Brexpiprazole	HIGH
	Cariprazine	HIGH
	Clozapine <sup>2</sup> Tablets, Oral Disintegrating Tablets	HIGH
	Iloperidone <sup>2,4</sup>	HIGH
	Paliperidone	HIGH
	Paliperidone Palmitate LAI (Sustenna)	HIGH
	Paliperidone Palmitate LAI (Trinza) <sup>2</sup>	HIGH
	Risperidone Microspheres LAI	HIGH
	Ziprasidone <sup>5</sup>	HIGH
Any combination of 2 antipsychotics for hospitals	—	
<b>Tier 3:</b> Requires Prospective Review by Clinical Director or Designee	Clozapine <sup>2</sup> Suspension	HIGH
	Olanzapine Pamoate LAI <sup>2</sup>	HIGH
	Lumateperone	HIGH
	Thioridazine <sup>2,6</sup>	HIGH
	Any combination of 3 or more antipsychotics	—

\* Based on the cost for the maximum daily dose for adults, per the HSCS Psychiatric Formulary. For LAI (Long-Acting Injection), cost is amortized over period of time between injections.

### **Specific Medication Notes**

1. Quetiapine: Caution advised for use in forensic or correctional environments due to potential for diversion and misuse. "Practice Resources for Prescribing in Corrections", J Am Acad Psychiatry Law, 46 (2 supplement), 2018, S2-S50.
2. HHSC Health and Specialty Care System Formulary Reserve Drug, refer to the HHSC Psychiatric Drug Formulary for Reserve Drugs Guidelines for Use.
3. "Aristada Initio is only to be used as a single dose to initiate Aristada treatment or as a single dose to re-initiate Aristada treatment following a missed dose of Aristada. Aristada Initio is not for repeated dosing" Aristada Initio [package insert]. Waltham, MA: Alkermes, Inc. 2023. Relative cost is based on acquisition cost amortized over 4 weeks.
4. Iloperidone Indication: "In choosing among treatments, prescribers should consider the ability of FANAPT to prolong the QT interval and the use of other drugs first. Prescribers should also consider the need to titrate FANAPT slowly to avoid orthostatic hypotension, which may lead to delayed effectiveness compared to some other drugs that do not require similar titration." Fanapt [package insert]. Washington, DC: Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc; 2016.
5. Ziprasidone Indication: "...prescribers should be aware of the capacity of Geodon to prolong the QT interval and may consider the use of other drugs first." Geodon [package insert]. New York, NY: Pfizer Inc; 2020.
6. Thioridazine Indication: "Due to the risk of significant, potentially life threatening, proarrhythmic effects with thioridazine treatment, thioridazine hydrochloride tablets should be used only in patients who have failed to respond adequately to treatment with appropriate courses of other antipsychotic drugs, either because of insufficient effectiveness or the inability to achieve an effective dose due to intolerable adverse effects from those drugs. Consequently, before initiating treatment with thioridazine hydrochloride tablets, it is strongly recommended that a patient be given at least two trials, each with a different antipsychotic drug product, at an adequate dose, and for an adequate duration." Thioridazine [package insert]. Morgantown, WV: Mylan Pharmaceuticals; 2021.

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