

Advocate for Your Patients With STEP THERAPY EXCEPTION REQUESTS

Help your patients receive MonoFerric as prescribed*

The Safe Step Act is a bipartisan bill designed to protect step therapy exceptions for patients in group health plans nationwide.¹⁻³ While this federal bill is still pending, many states have enacted legislation to assist in overcoming step therapy requirements.⁴ To learn more, visit StepTherapy.com.[†]



Consider using state-specific step therapy exception requests to help eligible patients access their prescribed medications*

Many US states have enacted step therapy laws, and other states and territories may have introduced step therapy legislation.⁴ State-specific step therapy laws vary in scope.⁴

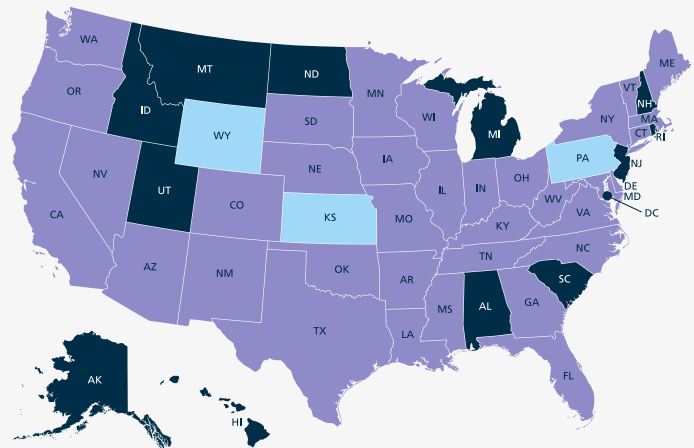
To help your patients with step therapy restrictions receive their prescribed medications, consider reviewing step therapy protections in their area.[‡] Patients may potentially qualify for step therapy protection if a first-step medication was contraindicated, expected to be ineffective, known or likely to cause an adverse reaction, or not in the best interest of the individual.⁴ You may review the state-specific legislation to see which step therapy protections are available in your or your patient's state of residence. State-specific step therapy exception request forms may be available.



SCAN OR CLICK QR CODE to learn more about state-level step therapy protections and download step therapy exception request forms[‡]



US step therapy protections as of August 2025⁵



■ = Legislation With Form

This state has step therapy protections, backed by enacted legislation and reinforced through a state-specific request form tailored to ensure compliance with these state regulations.

■ = Legislation Only

This state has step therapy protections, backed by enacted legislation that can be used as supportive reasoning when requesting a step therapy exception from a payor. Currently there is not a state-specific request form available.

■ = No Legislation

There are no step therapy protections enacted or pending legislation in this state.



Learn more about support for step therapy exception requests from Pharmacosmos Therapeutics



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[‡]For patients insured through national carriers, such as Aetna, Cigna, UnitedHealthcare, or Humana, consider using a step therapy exception request for the state in which treatment is rendered. For patients insured through regional associations, such as Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS), consider using a step therapy exception request for the home state of the network affiliate, as indicated on the patient's insurance card. For more information, contact the state's insurance regulator.

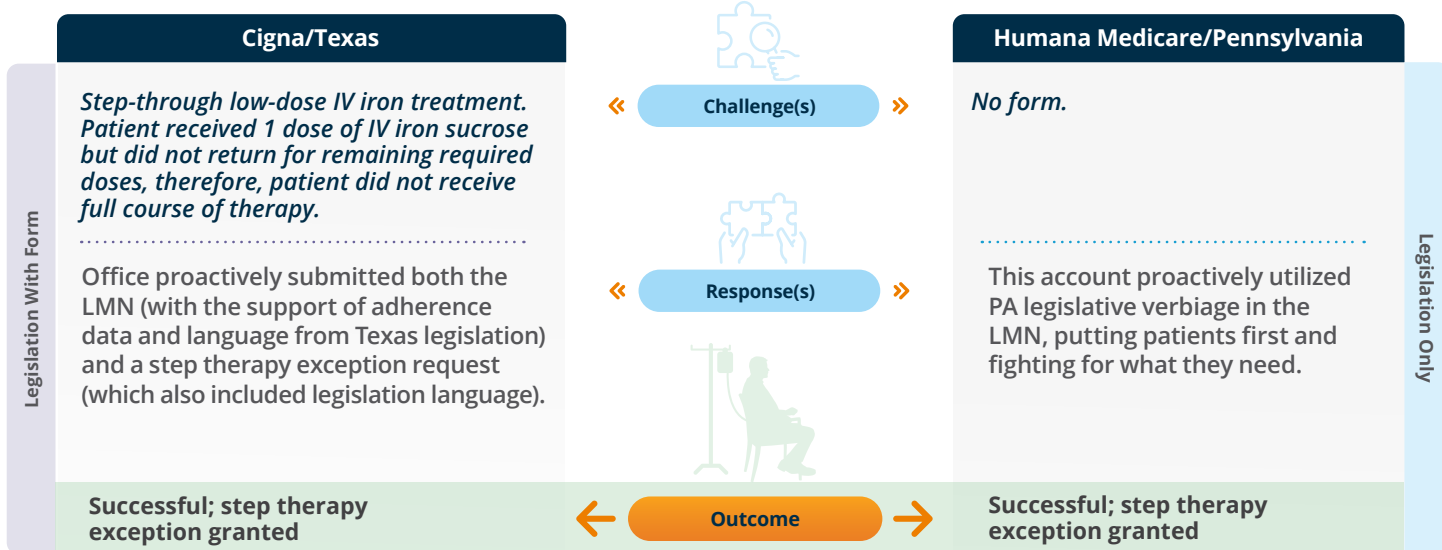
Your Field Reimbursement Manager (FRM) Has the Tools To Help Your Patients Access Their Prescribed Medication

Your FRM has knowledge of local, regional, and national access and reimbursement considerations. Your FRM can provide education about the step therapy exception process for patients who have been prescribed Monoferric.*

Consider these processes to support step therapy protections for patients prescribed Monoferric

State-level step therapy protections (for a state-by-state map, visit StepTherapy.com)†			
	Legislation With Form	Legislation Only	No Legislation
Actions to consider:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the prescriber has made an independent clinical judgment that Monoferric is appropriate for a patient, download appropriate state-specific step therapy exception request form Communicate the prescriber's rationale for requesting an exception for Monoferric based on the individual patient's medical history For additional education on step therapy requirements for Monoferric, contact your local FRM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your FRM can provide information on applicable step therapy laws Where appropriate for an individual patient, consider drafting a letter of medical necessity (LMN) explaining why Monoferric is medically necessary and appropriate for your patient using language specific to applicable step therapy laws Your local FRM has informational templates available upon request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where appropriate for an individual patient, consider drafting a LMN explaining why Monoferric is medically necessary and appropriate for the patient Your local FRM has informational templates available upon request Consider partnering with organizations that have endorsed the Safe Step Act or your state-level step therapy legislation to support your patients' access to their prescribed medications

With education from an FRM, providers were granted step therapy exception requests for their patients who were prescribed Monoferric



To locate an FRM in your area or learn more about support from Pharmacosmos Therapeutics, email STER@pharmacosmos.us

*Prescribers or their staff must complete and submit all insurance forms. FRMs can only provide education.
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