

Brand Medications Requiring Use of a Generic First

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You can save money by using safe, effective generic medications when possible. According to your prescription benefit plan, in order for certain brand-name medications to be covered, you will have to try a generic medication first. The chart below tells you which kinds of drugs require you to use a generic first. This chart only provides a sample list of generic drug options and may not include all drugs available.

Drug Class <i>Condition Treated*</i>	Step 1: You will have to try one of these generic medications first	Step 2: Before you can try one of these brand drugs:
ACE Inhibitors/Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonists (ARBs)/Direct Renin Inhibitors/Combinations <i>High Blood Pressure</i>	amlodipine-benazepril benazepril/benazepril HCTZ captopril/captopril HCTZ candesartan enalapril/enalapril HCTZ eprosartan 600 mg fosinopril/fosinopril HCTZ irbesartan/irbesartan HCTZ lisinopril/lisinopril HCTZ losartan/losartan HCTZ moexipril/moexipril HCTZ quinapril/quinapril HCTZ ramipril trandolapril trandolapril-verapamil ext-rel valsartan HCTZ	Benicar/Benicar HCT Edarbi Edarbyclor Micardis/Micardis HCT Tekturna/Tekturna HCT Teveten 400mg/Teveten HCT
Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia-Alpha Blockers <i>Prostate</i>	alfuzosin ext-rel doxazosin tamsulosin terazosin	Cardura XL Rapaflo
Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia-5 Alpha Reductase Inhibitors/Combinations <i>Prostate</i>	finasteride <i>** tamsulosin also considered a Covered Generic Alternative for Jalyn</i>	Avodart Jalyn**
Bisphosphonates/Combinations <i>Osteoporosis</i>	alendronate ibandronate	Actonel Atelvia Binosto Fosamax Plus D
Cholinesterase Inhibitors <i>Alzheimer's Disease</i>	donepezil galantamine rivastigime	Aricept 23mg
COX-2 Inhibitors/Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory (NSAIDs)/Combinations <i>Pain and Inflammation</i>	diclofenac sodium delayed-rel misoprostol ibuprofen meloxicam naproxen <i>(additional generic NSAIDs available)</i>	Cambia Celebrex Duexis Flector Nalfon Naprelan CR Pennsaid Voltaren Gel Zipsor

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Fibrates <i>High Triglycerides</i>	fenofibrate fenofibrate micronized gemfibrozil	Fenoglide Lipofen Triglide
HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (HMGs or Statins)/ Combinations <i>High Cholesterol</i>	amlodipine-atorvastatin atorvastatin fluvastatin/fluvastatin ext-rel lovastatin pravastatin simvastatin	Advicor Altoprev Crestor (excluding 40 mg) Livalo Liptruzet Simcor Vytorin
Nasal Steroids <i>Allergies</i>	budesonide nasal flunisolide nasal fluticasone nasal triamcinolone acetonide spray	Beconase AQ Dymista Nasonex Omnaris Qnasl Veramyst Zetonna
Ophthalmic/Prostaglandins <i>Glaucoma</i>	latanoprost travoprost	Lumigan Travatan Z Zioptan
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs) <i>Stomach Acid</i>	lansoprazole omeprazole omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate pantoprazole	Aciphex Dexilant Nexium Prilosec Packets Protonix Packets Zegerid Powder for Oral Susp
Selective Serotonin Agonists/Combinations <i>Migraine</i>	naratriptan sumatriptan zolmitriptan	Alsuma Axert Frova Relpax Sumavel Treximet
Serotonin Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs) <i>Depression</i>	venlafaxine venlafaxine ext-rel	Cymbalta Pristiq

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Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) <i>Depression</i>	citalopram escitalopram tab fluoxetine fluvoxamine fluvoxamine ext-rel paroxetine/paroxetine ER sertraline	Pexeva Viibryd	
Sleeping Agents <i>Insomnia/Sleep Problems</i>	zaleplon zolpidem zolpidem ext-rel	Edluar Intermezzo Lunesta Rozerem Silenor Zolpimist	
Urinary Antispasmodics <i>Overactive Bladder/ Incontinence</i>	oxybutynin/oxybutynin ER tolterodine trospium trospium chloride ext-rel	Detrol LA Enablex Gelnique Myrbetriq Oxytrol Toviaz Vesicare	
Drug Class <i>Condition Treated*</i>	Step 1: You will have to try one of these generic medications first	Step 2: Before you can try one of these brand drugs:	These preferred select brand drugs do not require use of a generic first:
Antipsychotics <i>Mental Health</i>	olanzapine quetiapine risperidone ziprasidone	Abilify Fanapt Invega Latuda Saphris	Seroquel XR
Beta Agonists, Short Acting <i>Asthma</i>	<i>(generic not available in class; use of a preferred select brand is required first)</i>	Maxair Proventil HFA Ventolin HFA Xopenex HFA	ProAir HFA

*This list indicates the common uses for which the drug is prescribed. Some medicines are prescribed for more than one condition. Brand-name drugs not listed here may be covered by your plan without the use of a generic first. Information provided here is not a substitute for medical advice or treatment.

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