Brand Medications Requiring Use of Generic(s) First

You can save money by using safe, effective generic medications when possible. According to your prescription benefit plan, you may have to try one or two generic medication(s) first\* before certain brand-name medications will be covered. The chart below shows you which drugs require the use of generics first. This chart only provides a sample list of generic drug options and may not include all drugs available.

| **Drug Class**  *Condition Treated\*\** | **Step 1:** You will have to try one or two\* 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: |
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| **ACE Inhibitors/Angiotensin II  Receptor Antagonists (ARBs)/ Direct Renin Inhibitors/ Combinations\***  *High Blood Pressure* | amlodipine-benazepril  benazepril/benazepril HCTZ  candesartan/candesartan HCTZ  captopril/captopril HCTZ  enalapril/enalapril HCTZ  eprosartan  fosinopril/fosinopril HCTZ  irbesartan/irbesartan HCTZ  lisinopril/lisinopril HCTZ  losartan/losartan HCTZ  olmesartan/olmesartan HCTZ  quinapril/quinapril HCTZ  ramipril  telmisartan/telmisartan HCTZ  trandolapril  trandolapril-verapamil ext-rel  valsartan/valsartan HCTZ | Tekturna/Tekturna HCT | *Preferred select brand not available in class* |
| **Acne/Topical**  *Skin* | benzoyl peroxide  clindamycin solution  clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide  dapsone 5%  erythromycin solution  erythromycin-benzoyl peroxide  sulfacetamide sodium | Acanya  Aczone 7.5%  Azelex  Clindagel  Fabior  Riax  Tretin-X | *Preferred select brand not available in class* |
| **Antipsychotics**  *Mental Health* | aripiprazole  clozapine  olanzapine  palperidone ext-rel  quetiapine/quetiapine ext-rel  risperidone  ziprasidone | Adasuve  Fanapt  Latuda  Rexulti  Saphris  Vraylar | *Preferred select brand not available in class* |
| **Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia-Alpha Blockers**  *Prostate* | alfuzosin ext-rel  doxazosin  dutasteride  dutasteride-tamsulosin  finasteride  tamulosin  terazosin | Cardura XL  Rapaflo | *Preferred select brand not*  *available in class* |
| **Bisphosphonates/Combinations**  *Osteoporosis* | alendronate  ibandronate  risedronate | Binosto  Fosamax Plus D | *Preferred select brand*  *not available in class* |
| **COX-2 Inhibitors/Nonsteroidal  Anti-Inflammatory (NSAIDs)/ Combinations\***  *Pain and Inflammation* | celecoxib  diclofenac sodium/misoprostol  fenoprofen 400 mg  ibuprofen  meloxicam  naproxen/naproxen ext-rel (500 mg)  *(additional generic NSAIDs available)* | Cambia  fenoprofen 200 mg  Fenortho 200 mg  Flector  Tivorbex  Vivlodex  Zipsor  Zorvolex | *Preferred select brand*  *not available in class* |
| **Fibrates**  *High Triglycerides* | fenofibrate  fenofibric acid  gemfibrozil | Triglide | *Preferred select brand*  *not available in class* |
| **Ophthalmic/Prostaglandins**  *Glaucom*a | latanoprost | Travatan Z  Zioptan | *Preferred select brand not available in class* |
| **Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)\***  *Stomach Acid* | esomeprazole  lansoprazole delayed-rel  omeprazole delayed-rel  pantoprazole delayed-rel  rabeprazole | Dexilant  Prilosec Packets | *Preferred select brand not available in class* |
| **Selective Serotonin Agonists/ Combinations**  *Migraine* | almotriptan  eletriptan  frovatriptan  naratriptan  rizatriptan  sumatriptan  zolmitriptan | Onzetra Xsail  Sumavel Dosepro  Treximet  Zembrace Symtouch | *Preferred select brand not available in class* |
| **Serotonin Norepinephrine  Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs)**  *Depression* | desvenlafaxine ext-rel  duloxetine delayed-rel  venlafaxine/venlafaxine ext-rel | Fetzima | *Preferred select brand not available in class* |
| **Selective Serotonin Reuptake  Inhibitors (SSRIs)**  *Depression* | citalopram  escitalopram  fluoxetine  fluvoxamine/fluvoxamine ext-rel  paroxetine HCI /paroxetine HCI ext-rel  sertraline | Pexeva  Trintellix  Viibryd | *Preferred select brand not available in class* |
| **Sleeping Agents**  *Insomnia/Sleep Problems* | eszopiclone  zaleplon  zolpidem/zolpidem ext rel  zolpidem sublingual | Belsomra  Edluar  Silenor  Zolpimist | *Preferred select brand not available in class* |
| **Urinary Antispasmodics\***  *Overactive Bladder/Incontinence* | darifenacin ext-rel  oxybutynin/oxybutynin ext-rel  tolterodine/tolterodine ext-rel  trospium/trospium ext-rel | Gelnique  Myrbetriq  Vesicare | *Preferred select brand not available in class* |

\*Please note: A plan member’s Plan determines whether the member must try one or two generics before a brand-name drug is allowed in select drug classes.

\*\*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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