

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 <i>Condition Treated**</i>	Step 1: You may 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:
ACE Inhibitors/Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonists (ARBs)/ Direct Renin Inhibitors/ Combinations <i>High Blood Pressure</i>	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 moexipril/moexipril HCTZ quinapril/quinapril HCTZ ramipril telmisartan/telmisartan HCTZ trandolapril trandolapril-verapamil ext-rel valsartan/valsartan HCTZ	Tekturna/Tekturna HCT	Benicar/Benicar HCT
Acne / Topical <i>Skin</i>	benzoyl peroxide clindamycin solution clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide erythromycin solution erythromycin-benzoyl peroxide sodium sulfacetamide sulfacetamide-sulfur	Acanya Akne-Mycin Azelex	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia- Alpha blockers <i>Prostate</i>	alfuzosin ext-rel doxazosin tamsulosin terazosin	Cardura XL Rapaflo	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia- 5 Alpha Reductase Inhibitors/Combinations <i>Prostate</i>	finasteride	Avodart	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Bisphosphonates/Combinations <i>Osteoporosis</i>	alendronate ibandronate risedronate 150mg	Atelvia Binosto Fosamax Plus D	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>

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COX-2 Inhibitors/Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory (NSAIDs)/Combinations <i>Pain and Inflammation</i> <small>* Please note. A member's Plan determines whether one or two generics must be tried first.</small>	diclofenac sodium/misoprostol diclofenac sodium diclofenac sodium solution ibuprofen meloxicam naproxen (additional generic NSAIDs available)	Cambia Celebrex Nalfon Voltaren Gel Zipsor Zorvolex	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Fibrates <i>High Triglycerides</i>	gemfibrozil fenofibrate fenofibric acid	Fenoglide Triglide	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (HMGs or Statins)/Combinations <i>High Cholesterol</i>	amlodipine-atorvastatin atorvastatin fluvastatin lovastatin pravastatin simvastatin	Crestor (excluding 40 mg) Simcor Vytorin	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Ophthalmic/Prostaglandins <i>Glaucoma</i>	latanoprost travoprost	Travatan Z Zioptan	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs) <i>Stomach Acid</i> <small>* Please note. A member's Plan determines whether one or two generics must be tried first.</small>	lansoprazole omeprazole omeprazole-sodium bicarbonate capsule pantoprazole rabeprazole	Dexilant Nexium Prilosec Packets Zegerid Powder for Oral Susp	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Selective Serotonin Agonists/Combinations <i>Migraine</i>	naratriptan rizatriptan sumatriptan zolmitriptan	Alsuma Axert Frova Relpax Sumavel Dosepro Treximet	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Serotonin Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs) <i>Depression</i>	duloxetine venlafaxine venlafaxine ext-rel	Fetzima Khedelza Pristiq	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) <i>Depression</i>	citalopram escitalopram fluoxetine fluvoxamine/fluvoxamine ext-rel paroxetine/paroxetine ext-rel sertraline	Brintellix Pexeva Viibryd	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>

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Sleeping Agents <i>Insomnia/Sleep Problems</i>	eszopiclone zaleplon zolpidem zolpidem ext-rel	Edluar Silenor Zolpimist	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Urinary Antispasmodics <i>Overactive Bladder/Incontinence</i> <i>* Please note. A member's Plan determines whether one or two generics must be tried first.</i>	oxybutynin/oxybutynin ext-rel tolterodine/tolterodine ext-rel trospium/trospium ext-rel	Enablex Gelnique Myrbetriq Vesicare	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>

*Please note. A 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. Discuss this information with your doctor or health care provider. CVS/caremark assumes no liability for the information provided or for any diagnosis or treatment made in reliance thereon, nor is it responsible for the reliability of the content.

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