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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 will have to try one or two generic medication(s) first* before certain brandname 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 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 quinapril/quinapril HCTZ ramipril telmisartan/telmisartan HCTZ trandolapril-verapamil ext-rel valsartan/valsartan HCTZ	Edarbi Edarbyclor Tekturna/Tekturna HCT	Benicar/Benicar HCT
Acne/Topical <i>Skin</i>	benzoyl peroxide clindamycin solution clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide erythromycin solution erythromycin-benzoyl peroxide sulfacetamide sodium	Acanya Aczone Akne-Mycin Azelex Clindagel Fabior Panoxyl Riax Tretin-X	Preferred select brand not available in class
Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia- Alpha blockers <i>Prostate</i>	alfuzosin ext-rel doxazosin tamulosin terazosin	Cardura XL Rapaflo	Preferred select brand not available in class
Beta Agonists, Short Acting Asthma	albuterol inhalation solution	Proventil HFA Ventolin HFA Xopenex HFA	ProAir HFA ProAir RespiClick



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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* <i>Pain and Inflammation</i>	Celecoxib diclofenac sodium/misoprostol fenoprofen 400 mg ibuprofen meloxicam naproxen/naproxen ext-rel (500 mg) (additional generic NSAIDs available)	Cambia Duexis fenoprofen 200 mg Fenortho 200 mg Flector Nalfon 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
HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (HMGs or Statins)/Combinations <i>High Cholesterol</i>	amlodipine-atorvastatin atorvastatin fluvastatin lovastatin niacin ext-rel pravastatin simvastatin	Altoprev Livalo Vytorin	Preferred select brand not available in class
Nasal Steroids/Combinations <i>Allergies</i>	flunisolide fluticasone mometasone triamcinolone	Beconase AQ Dymista Omnaris Qnasl Veramyst Zetonna	Preferred select brand not available in class
Ophthalmic/Prostaglandins Glaucoma	bimatoprost sol 0.3% latanoprost travoprost	Lumigan Travatan Z Zioptan	Preferred select brand not available in class
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)* <i>Stomach Acid</i>	esomeprazole lansoprazole delayed-rel omeprazole delayed-rel pantoprazole delayed-rel rabeprazole	Dexilant Prilosec Packets Protonix Packets	Preferred select brand not available in class



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Selective Serotonin Agonists/ Combinations <i>Migraine</i>	almotriptan frovatriptan naratriptan rizatriptan sumatriptan zolmitriptan	Alsuma Onzetra Xsail Relpax Sumavel Dosepro Treximet Zembrace Sym Touch	Preferred select brand not available in class
Serotonin Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs) Depression	duloxetine delayed-rel venlafaxine/venlafaxine ext-rel capsule	Fetzima Irenka Khedezla Pristiq	Preferred select brand not available in class
Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) Depression	citalopram escitalopram fluoxetine fluvoxamine/fluvoxamine ER paroxetine/paroxetine ER 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 Rozerem Silenor Zolpimist	Preferred select brand not available in class
Urinary Antispasmodics* Overactive Bladder/Incontinence	oxybutynin/oxybutynin ext-rel tolterodine/tolterodine ext-rel trospium/trospium ext-rel	Gelnique Myrbetriq Oxytrol Toviaz Vesicare	Preferred select brand not available in class

*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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