

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 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 quinapril/quinapril HCTZ ramipril telmisartan/telmisartan HCTZ trandolapril trandolapril-verapamil ext-rel valsartan/valsartan HCTZ	Edarbi Edarbyclor Tekturma/Tekturma HCT	Benicar/Benicar HCT
Acne/Topical <i>Skin</i>	benzoyl peroxide clindamycin solution clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide erythromycin solution erythromycin-benzoyl peroxide sulfacetamide sodium sulfacetamide-sulfur	Acanya Akne-Mycin Azelex Clindagel Fabior Riaux Tretin-X	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Antipsychotics <i>Mental Health</i>	aripiprazole olanzapine quetiapine risperidone ziprasidone	Adasuve Fanapt Invega Latuda Rexulti Saphris Vraylar	Seroquel XR
Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia-Alpha Blockers <i>Prostate</i>	alfuzosin ext-rel doxazosin tamulosin terazosin	Cardura XL Rapaflo	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>

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Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia-5 Alpha Reductase Inhibitors/Combinations <i>Prostate</i>	finasteride ***tamsulosin also considered a Covered Generic Alternative for Jalyn	Avodart Jalyn**	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Beta Agonists, Short Acting <i>Asthma</i>	<i>albuterol inhalation solution</i>	Proventil HFA Ventolin HFA Xopenex HFA	ProAir HFA
Bisphosphonates/Combinations <i>Osteoporosis</i>	alendronate ibandronate risedronate	Binosto Fosamax Plus D	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
COX-2 Inhibitors/Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory (NSAIDs)/Combinations* <i>Pain and Inflammation</i>	celecoxib diclofenac sodium/misoprostol diclofenac sodium diclofenac sodium solution ibuprofen meloxicam naproxen/naproxen ext-rel (500 mg) <i>(additional generic NSAIDs available)</i>	Cambia Duexis Flector Nalfon Tivorbex Voltaren Gel Zipsor Zorvolex	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Fibrates <i>High Triglycerides</i>	fenofibrate fenofibric acid gemfibrozil	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 niacin ext-rel pravastatin simvastatin	Advicor Altoprev Crestor (excluding 40 mg) Liptruzet Livalo Simcor Vytorin	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Nasal Steroids <i>Allergies</i>	budesonide flunisolide fluticasone triamcinolone	Beconase AQ Dymista Omnaris Qnasl Veramyst Zetonna	Nasonex
Ophthalmic/Prostaglandins <i>Glaucoma</i>	bimatoprost sol 0.03% latanoprost travoprost	Lumigan Travatan Z Zioptan	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>

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Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)* <i>Stomach Acid</i>	lansoprazole delayed-rel omeprazole delayed-rel omeprazole-sodium bicarbonate capsule pantoprazole delayed rel rabeprazole	Dexilant Prilosec Packets Protonix Packets Zegerid Powder for Oral Susp	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Selective Serotonin Agonists/Combinations <i>Migraine</i>	almotriptan naratriptan rizatriptan sumatriptan zolmitriptan	Alsuma Frova Relpax Sumavel Dosepro Treximet	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Serotonin Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs) <i>Depression</i>	duloxetine delayed-rel venlafaxine/venlafaxine ext-rel	Fetzima Irenka Khedezla 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>
Sleeping Agents <i>Insomnia/Sleep Problems</i>	eszopiclone zaleplon zolpidem/zolpidem ext-rel	Belsomra Edluar Intermezzo Rozerem Silenor Zolpimist	<i>Preferred select brand not available in class</i>
Urinary Antispasmodics* <i>Overactive Bladder/Incontinence</i>	oxybutynin/oxybutynin ext-rel tolterodine/tolterodine ext-rel trospium/trospium ext-rel	Enablex Gelnique Myrbetriq Oxytrol Toviaz 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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