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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 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 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* 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-verapamil ext-rel valsartan/valsartan HCTZ	Edarbi Edarbyclor 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	Aczone 7.5% Azelex Clindagel Fabior Riax	Preferred select brand not available in class
Antipsychotics Mental Health	aripiprazole clozapine olanzapine palperidone ext rel quetiapine/quetiapine ext-rel risperidone ziprasidone	Adasuve Fanapt Rexulti Saphris Vraylar	Preferred select brand not available in class



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Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia- Alpha Blockers Prostate	alfuzosin ext-rel doxazosin dutasteride dutasteride-tamsulosin finasteride silodosin tamulosin terazosin	Cardura XL	Preferred select brand not available in class
Beta Agonists, Short Acting Asthma	albuterol inhalation solution levalbuterol tartrate CFC-free aerosol	Proventil HFA Ventolin HFA	ProAir HFA ProAir RespiClick
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 ibuprofen meloxicam naproxen/naproxen ext-rel (additional generic NSAIDs available)	Cambia 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 High Cholesterol	amlodipine-atorvastatin atorvastatin ezetimibe-simvastatin fluvastatin lovastatin niacin ext-rel pravastatin simvastatin	Altoprev Flolipid Livalo	Preferred select brand not available in class
Nasal Steroids/Combinations Allergies	flunisolide fluticasone monetasone	Beconase AQ Dymista Omnaris Qnasl Zetonna	Preferred select brand not available in class
Ophthalmic/Prostaglandins <i>Glaucom</i> a	bimatoprost sol 0.03% latanoprost	Lumigan Zioptan	Preferred select brand not available in class



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Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)* Stomach Acid	esomeprazole lansoprazole delayed-rel omeprazole delayed-rel pantoprazole delayed rel rabeprazole	Dexilant Prilosec Packets Protonix Packets	Preferred select brand not available in class
Selective Serotonin Agonists/ Combinations <i>Migraine</i>	almotriptan eletriptan frovatriptan naratriptan rizatriptan sumatriptan zolmitriptan	Onzetra Xsail 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 Rozerem 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 Oxytrol Toviaz	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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