Brand Medications Requiring Use of a Generic First

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You can save money by using safe, effective generic medications when possible. According to your prescription benefit plan, in order for certain brand-name medications to be covered, you will have to try a generic medication first. The chart below tells you which kinds of drugs require you to use a generic 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 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 captopril/captopril HCTZ enalapril/enalapril HCTZ fosinopril/fosinopril HCTZ lisinopril/lisinopril HCTZ losartan/losartan HCTZ moexipril/moexipril HCTZ quinapril/quinapril HCTZ ramipril trandolapril	Atacand/Atacand HCT Benicar/Benicar HCT Diovan/Diovan HCT Micardis/Micardis HCT Tekturna/Tekturna HCT Teveten/Teveten HCT	Avapro/Avalide	
Antihistamines/Combinations Allergies	fexofenadine fexofenadine-pseudoephedrine (60/120mg)	Allegra-D 24 Hr Clarinex/Clarinex-D Xyzal	Preferred select brand not available in class	
Beta Agonists, Short Acting Asthma	(generic not available in class; use of a preferred select brand is required first)	Maxair Proventil HFA Ventolin HFA Xopenex HFA	ProAir HFA	
Bisphosphonates/Combinations Osteoporosis	alendronate	Actonel with Calcium Boniva Fosamax Plus D	Actonel	
COX-2 Inhibitors/Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory (NSAIDs)/ Combinations Pain and Inflammation	ibuprofen indomethacin meloxicam naproxen (additional generic NSAIDs available)	Arthrotec Celebrex (excluding 400 mg) Flector Naprelan CR	Preferred select brand not available in class	
HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (HMGs or Statins)/Combinations High Cholesterol	lovastatin pravastatin simvastatin	Advicor Altoprev Crestor (excluding 20 mg, 40 mg) Lescol/Lescol XL Livalo Simcor Vytorin (excluding 10/80 mg)	Lipitor	

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Hypnotics, Nonbenzodiazepine/ Melatonin Receptor Agonist Insomnia/Sleep Problems	zaleplon zolpidem	Edluar Lunesta Rozerem	Ambien CR
Nasal Steroids Allergies	flunisolide nasal fluticasone nasal	Beconase AQ Nasacort AQ Omnaris Rhinocort Aqua Veramyst	Nasonex
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs) Stomach Acid	lansoprazole omeprazole omeprazole-sodium bicarbonate pantoprazole	Aciphex Dexilant Nexium Prevacid SoluTab Prilosec Packets Protonix Packets Zegerid Powder for Oral Susp	Preferred select brand not available in class
Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) Depression	citalopram fluoxetine fluvoxamine paroxetine/paroxetine ER sertraline	Luvox CR Pexeva	Lexapro
Urinary Antispasmodics Overactive Bladder/Incontinence	oxybutynin/oxybutynin ER trospium	Enablex Gelnique Oxytrol Sanctura XR Toviaz Vesicare	Detrol/Detrol LA

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