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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-name drugs:
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 quinapril/quinapril HCTZ ramipril telmisartan/telmisartan HCTZ trandolapril-verapamil ext-rel valsartan/valsartan HCTZ	Benicar/Benicar HCT Tekturna/Tekturna HCT
Acne/Topical Skin	benzoyl peroxide clindamycin solution clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide erythromycin solution erythromycin-benzoyl peroxide sulfacetamide sodium sulfacetamide-sulfur	Acanya Aczone Akne-Mycin Azelex Clindagel Fabior Panoxyl Riax Tretin-X
Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia- Alpha Blockers Prostate	alfuzosin ext-rel doxazosin tamulosin terazosin	Cardura XL Rapaflo
Bisphosphonates/Combinations Osteoporosis	alendronate ibandronate risedronate	Binosto Fosamax Plus D



Drug Class Condition Treated** COX-2 Inhibitors/Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory (NSAIDs)/ Combinations* Pain and Inflammation	Step 1: You may have to try one or two* of these generic medications first: celecoxib diclofenac sodium/misoprostol diclofenac sodium diclofenac sodium diclofenac sodium naproxen/naproxen ext-rel (500 mg)	Step 2: Before you can try one of these brand-name drugs: Cambia Nalfon Tivorbex Vivlodex Voltaren Gel Zipsor Zorvolex
Fibrates High Triglycerides	(Additional generic NSAIDs available) fenofibrate fenofibric acid gemfibrozil	Triglide
HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (HMGs or Statins)/Combinations High Cholesterol	amlodipine-atorvastatin atorvastatin fluvastatin lovastatin niacin ext-rel pravastatin simvastatin	Crestor (excluding 40 mg) Vytorin
Nasal Steroids Allergies	budesonide flunisolide fluticasone triamcinolone	Nasonex
Ophthalmic/Prostaglandins Glaucoma	bimatoprost sol 0.3% latanoprost travoprost	Travatan Z Zioptan
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)* Stomach Acid	esomeprazole lansoprazole delayed-rel omeprazole delayed-rel omeprazole-sodium bicarbonate pantoprazole delayed-rel rabeprazole	Dexilant Prilosec Packets Zegerid Powder for Oral Susp
Selective Serotonin Agonists/ Combinations Migraine	almotriptan naratriptan rizatriptan sumatriptan zolmitriptan	Alsuma Frova Relpax Sumavel Dosepro Treximet
Serotonin Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs) Depression	duloxetine delayed-rel venlafaxine/venlafaxine ext-rel	Fetzima Irenka Khedezla Pristiq



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Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) Depression	citalopram escitalopram fluoxetine fluvoxamine/fluvoxamine ext-rel paroxetine/paroxetine rext-rel sertraline	Brintellix Pexeva Viibryd
Sleeping Agents Insomnia/Sleep Problems	eszopiclone zaleplon zolpidem/zolpidem ext-rel	Belsomra Edluar Silenor Zolpimist
Urinary Antispasmodics* Overactive Bladder/Incontinence	oxybutynin/oxybutynin ext-rel tolterodine/tolterodine ext-rel trospium/trospium ext-rel	Gelnique Myrbetriq Vesicare

**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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^{*}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.