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.

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**COX-2 Inhibitors/Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory (NSAIDs)/Combinations**

*Pain and Inflammation*

- celecoxib
- diclofenac sodium/misoprostol
- diclofenac sodium solution
- ibuprofen
- meloxicam
- naproxen/naproxen ext-rel (500 mg)

(Additional generic NSAIDs available)

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- Cambia
- Nalfon
- Tivorbex
- Vivlodex
- Voltaren Gel
- Zipsor
- Zorvolex

**Fibrates**

*High Triglycerides*

- fenofibrate
- fenofibric acid
- gemfibrozil

**HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (HMGs or Statins)/Combinations**

*High Cholesterol*

- amlodipine-atorvastatin
- atorvastatin
- fluvastatin
- lovastatin
- niacin ext-rel
- pravastatin
- simvastatin

**Nasal Steroids**

*Allergies*

- budesonide
- flunisolide
- fluticasone
- triamcinolone

**Ophthalmic/Prostaglandins**

*Glaucoma*

- bimatoprost sol 0.3%
- latanoprost
- travoprost

**Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)**

*Stomach Acid*

- esomeprazole
- lansoprazole delayed-rel
- omeprazole delayed-rel
- omeprazole-sodium bicarbonate
- pantoprazole delayed-rel
- rabeprazole

**Selective Serotonin Agonists/Combinations**

*Migraine*

- almotriptan
- naratriptan
- rizatriptan
- sumatriptan
- zolmitriptan

**Serotonin Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs)**

*Depression*

- duloxetine delayed-rel
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### Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs)

**Depression**

- citalopram
- escitalopram
- fluoxetine
- fluvoxamine/fluvoxamine ext-rel
- paroxetine/paroxetine ext-rel
- sertraline

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**Step 2:** Before you can try one of these brand-name drugs:

- Brintellix
- Pexeva
- Viibryd

### Sleeping Agents

**Insomnia/Sleep Problems**

- eszopiclone
- zaleplon
- zolpidem/zolpidem ext-rel

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**Step 2:** Before you can try one of these brand-name drugs:

- Belsomra
- Edluar
- Silenor
- Zolpimist

### Urinary Antispasmodics*

**Overactive Bladder/Incontinence**

- oxybutynin/oxybutynin ext-rel
- tolterodine/tolterodine ext-rel
- trospium/trospium ext-rel

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**Step 2:** Before you can try one of these brand-name drugs:

- Gelnique
- Myrbetriq
- Vesicare

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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.

**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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