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



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COX-2 Inhibitors/Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory (NSAIDs)/ Combinations* Pain and Inflammation	celecoxib diclofenac sodium/misoprostol fenoprofen 400 mg ibuprofen meloxicam naproxen/naproxen ext-rel (Additional generic NSAIDs available)	Cambia fenoprofen 200 mg Fenortho 200 mg Flector Tivorbex Vivlodex Zipsor Zorvolex
Fibrates High Triglycerides	fenofibrate fenofibric acid gemfibrozil	Triglide
Ophthalmic/Prostaglandins Glaucoma	latanoprost	Travatan Z Zioptan
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)* Stomach Acid	esomeprazole lansoprazole delayed-rel omeprazole delayed-rel pantoprazole delayed-rel rabeprazole	Dexilant Prilosec Packets
Selective Serotonin Agonists/ Combinations Migraine	almotriptan eletriptan frovatriptan naratriptan rizatriptan sumatriptan zolmitriptan	Alsuma Onzetra Xsail Sumavel Dosepro Treximet Zembrace Symtouch
Serotonin Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs) Depression	desvenlafaxine ext-rel duloxetine delayed-rel venlafaxine/venlafaxine ext-rel	Fetzima
Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) Depression	citalopram escitalopram fluoxetine fluvoxamine/fluvoxamine ext-rel paroxetine/paroxetine rext-rel sertraline	Pexeva Trintellix Viibryd
Sleeping Agents Insomnia/Sleep Problems	eszopiclone zaleplon zolpidem/zolpidem ext-rel zolpidem sublingual	Belsomra Edluar Silenor Zolpimist
Urinary Antispasmodics* Overactive Bladder/Incontinence	darifenacin ext-rel oxybutynin/oxybutynin ext-rel tolterodine/tolterodine ext-rel trospium/trospium ext-rel	Gelnique Myrbetriq Vesicare



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*Please note: A plan 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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