

# DRUG COVERAGE CRITERIA – NEW AND THERAPEUTIC EQUIVALENT MEDICATIONS

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**Related Policies**

None

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## CONDITIONS OF COVERAGE

This policy applies to Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York Commercial plans.

### **Exclusions: Connecticut Plans and Products**

Effective January 1, 2012, as groups enroll or renew, insurers cannot require an individual to use an alternative brand name prescription drug or over-the-counter drug before using the brand name prescription drug that was prescribed by a licensed physician for pain management. Insurers can, however, first require the individual to try a therapeutically equivalent generic drug before approving the brand name prescription drug that was prescribed by the physician.

### **Limitations**

#### ***Quantity Duration (QD) and Quantity Level Limitations (QLL)***

Quantity duration (QD) and quantity level limitations (QLL) may be in place for certain medications. For information regarding QD or QLL supply limits, refer to the following documents on [UHCprovider.com](http://UHCprovider.com) > Menu > Resource Library > [Drug Lists and Pharmacy](#) > Supply Limits:

- [QD Supply Limits](#) (defines the maximum quantity of medication that can be covered in a specified time period)
- [QLL Supply Limits](#) (defines the maximum quantity of medication that is covered for one prescription or copayment)

### **Notes:**

- Not all Oxford Members have a pharmacy benefit.
- For coverage of outpatient prescription drugs and specific exclusions, exceptions, and dispensing limitations, refer to the member's pharmacy plan, if applicable.

- Oxford's Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) provides a nationwide network of participating pharmacies that dispense prescription medications on a retail level. Commercial groups with outpatient prescription drug coverage will have their pharmacy benefit administered by the PBM.

## COVERAGE RATIONALE

This policy provides information and criteria relevant to medications for which certain types of prescription drug benefit exclusions may apply.

In accordance with Oxford's prescription drug riders, certain medications are excluded from coverage. The rationale for such exclusions varies, and therefore coverage may be provided in certain clinical scenarios.

There are two types of exclusions addressed in this policy:

- **Exclude at Launch:** In an effort to enhance the affordability and value of prescription drug riders, and as part of our Prescription Drug List (PDL) management, Oxford will proactively identify and help manage the cost of low value medications being introduced into the market. The *Exclude at Launch* program delays coverage until a full evaluation can be completed for new medications that may offer little to no additional health care value. Our PDL Management Committee will review each *Exclude at Launch* medication to determine its tier placement or benefit coverage.
- **Same Active Ingredient:** Oxford may exclude coverage for a medication, unless it is medically necessary for the member, if it includes the same active ingredient (or a modified version of an active ingredient) and is therapeutically equivalent to a covered prescription medication. Oxford's definition of therapeutic equivalence refers to medications that produce the same therapeutic outcome and adverse event profile.

The following table provides a list of prescription medications for which one or both of the above exclusions apply.

### **Precertification through the Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) is required for all listed medications.**

Coverage will be provided only when the member has exhibited intolerance (that is, sensitivity, drug allergy, adverse effect) to, or experienced a therapeutic failure with at least one of the covered formulary alternatives noted below (except where noted).

#### **\*Select medications have these additional requirements:**

- Submission of medical records documenting history of trial and failure, inadequate response, or intolerance to the therapeutically equivalent covered medications as documented (document date and duration of trial); **and**
- Prescriber attests to the following: The information provided is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and they understand that a routine audit may be performed and medical information may be requested as necessary to verify the accuracy of the information provided.

#### **\*\*Select medications have these additional requirements:**

- Submission of medical records documenting history of trial and failure, inadequate response, or intolerance to the Therapeutically Equivalent covered medications as documented (document date and duration of trial); **and**
- Care provider must give an explanation of potential rationale for how the excluded medication will work if stating the patient failed on the covered Therapeutically Equivalent product which has the same active ingredient (e.g., the member had an adverse reaction to an inactive ingredient in the alternative product); **and**
- Prescriber attests to the following: The information provided is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and they understand that a routine audit may be performed and medical information may be requested as necessary to verify the accuracy of the information provided.

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- Care provider must give an explanation of potential rationale for how the excluded medication will work if stating the patient failed on the covered Therapeutically Equivalent product which has the same active ingredient (e.g., the member had an adverse reaction to an inactive ingredient in the alternative product).

### **Reauthorization Criteria for All Medications**

Requested medication will be approved based on **both** of the following:

- Documentation of positive clinical response; **and**
- Member is currently on medication as documented in claims history (evidence of claims in past 120 days)

Medication/Drug	Formulary Alternative(s)
**Abilify	<b>Must try:</b> aripiprazole (generic Abilify) <b>And one of the following:</b> Olanzapine (generic Zyprexa), quetiapine (generic Seroquel), risperidone (generic Risperdal), ziprasidone (generic Geodon)

Medication/Drug	Formulary Alternative(s)
Absorica	<b>Must try two:</b> Amnesteem, Claravis, Myorisan, Zenatane
Abstral	<b>Must try both:</b> Fentanyl citrate (generic Actiq), Lazanda
**Acanya	Clindamycin 1.2%/benzoyl peroxide 5% gel (generic Duac), clindamycin solution + OTC benzoyl peroxide
Acetaminophen/Caffeine/ Dihydrocodeine Bitartrate 325/30/16 mg	Acetaminophen/codeine (Tylenol with codeine), Trezix
Aciphex (brand only)	<b>All of the following:</b> Omeprazole (generic Prilosec), pantoprazole (generic Protonix), rabeprazole (generic Aciphex), Dexilant
Aciphex Sprinkle	<b>All of the following:</b> Omeprazole (generic Prilosec), pantoprazole (generic Protonix), rabeprazole (generic Aciphex), Dexilant
Acticlate	Doxycycline hyclate (generic Vibramycin, Vibra-Tabs), doxycycline monohydrate (generic Monodox)
Actos (brand only)	Pioglitazone (generic Actos)
Acuvail	Ketorolac ophthalmic solution (generic Acular, Acular LS)
Adderall (brand only)	Amphetamine/dextroamphetamine immediate-release (generic Adderall)
Admelog, Admelog Solostar	Humalog vial, Humalog KwikPen
Adoxa	Doxycycline hyclate (generic Vibramycin, Vibra-Tab), doxycycline monohydrate 50 or 100mg (generic Monodox)
Adrenaclick	Epinephrine (EpiPen or EpiPen Jr. authorized generic)
Adynovate	Kogenate FS, Kovaltry, Novoeight, Nuwiq
Adzenys XR - ODT	<b>Must try two</b> (brand or generic): Adderall XR, Concerta, methylphenidate extended release (generic Metadate CD ), methylphenidate extended release (generic Ritalin LA) or Vyvanse ( <b>Note:</b> Brand and generic will count as 1 alternative med.)
Airduo RespiClick	<b>Must try two:</b> Fluticasone/salmeterol powder for inhalation (generic AirDuo Respiclick), Advair Diskus/HFA, Breo Ellipta, Symbicort
Ajovy	Amitriptyline (Elavil), beta-blocker (e.g., atenolol, metoprolol, nadolol, propranolol, or timolol), divalproex sodium (Depakote/Depakote ER), topiramate (Topamax), venlafaxine (Effexor)
Aktipak Gel	Erythromycin/benzoyl peroxide 3/5% (generic Benzamycin)
Allzital	Butalbital/acetaminophen 50mg/325mg (generic Phenrilin)
Alogliptin (Nesina authorized generic)	Nesina
Alogliptin/Metformin (Kazano authorized generic)	Kazano
Alogliptin/Pioglitazone (Oseni authorized generic)	Oseni
Altoprev	Lovastatin (generic Mevacor)
Altreno	OTC Differin gel, tretinoin cream (generic Retin-A)
**Ambien (brand only)	<b>Must try two:</b> Zolpidem, zalepelon, eszopiclone
***Ambien CR (brand and generic)	<b>Must try two:</b> Zolpidem, zalepelon, eszopiclone
***Amphetamine/Dextroamphetamine Extended-Release (generic Adderall XR)	Adderall XR
Amrix/Cyclobenzaprine Extended Release	Cyclobenzaprine HCL (generic Flexeril), Flexeril
Amturnide	Amlodipine + Tekturna HCT (or individual components taken concomitantly)
Anafranil (brand only)	Clomipramine (generic Anafranil)
Analpram Advanced Kit	Hydrocortisone acetate/pramoxine HCl (generic for Analpram HC)
Androgel	Minimum 4 week trial of Testim
Antara	Fenofibrate 54mg, 160mg (generic Lofibra)

Medication/Drug	Formulary Alternative(s)
Anusol HC Suppository (brand only)	Hydrocortisone cream (generic Anusol-HC), hydrocortisone suppository (generic Anusol-HC)
Apidra, Apidra Solostar	Humalog vial, Humalog KwikPen
Aptensio XR	<b>Must try two:</b> Adderall XR, Concerta, methylphenidate extended-release capsule (generic Metadate CD ), methylphenidate extended-release (generic Ritalin LA) or Vyvanse ( <b>Note:</b> Brand and generic will count as 1 alternative med.)
Aqua Glycolilc HC	Hydrocortisone 2.5% (generic Hytone)
Arakoda	Chloroquine, mefloquine (generic Lariam), Malarone
Aricept (23mg only)	Donepezil 10mg (generic for Aricept 10mg)
Arimidex (brand only)	Anastrozole (generic Arimidex)
ArmonAir RespiClick	<b>Must try two:</b> Alvesco, Asmanex (HFA or Twisthaler), Flovent, QVAR
**Asacol HD	Apriso, Lialda
Astagraf XL	Tacrolimus (generic Prograf)
Astelin (brand only)	Azelastine nasal spray (generic Astelin)
Astepro	Azelastine (generic Astelin)
Atelvia	Risedronate (generic Actonel), Actonel
**Ativan (brand only)	<b>Must try:</b> Lorazepam (generic Ativan) <b>And one of the following:</b> Alprazolam (generic Xanax), clonazepam (generic Klonopin), diazepam (generic Valium)
Atralin	Tretinoin cream (generic Retin-A)
Augmentin (brand only)	Amoxicillin/clavulanic acid (generic Augmentin)
Augmentin ES-600 (brand only)	Amoxicillin/clavulanic acid (generic Augmentin)
Augmentin XR/Amoxicillin-Clavulanate ER	Amoxicillin/clavulanate potassium (generic Augmentin)
**Auvi-Q	Epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen, EpiPen Jr. authorized generic)
Avar Foam (9.5%-5%, 10-2%), Avar, Avar LS	Sulfacetamide sodium/sulfur 10-5%
Avelox Tablet (brand only)	Moxifloxacin tablets (generic Avelox)
Avodart (brand only)	Dutasteride (generic Avodart), finasteride (generic Proscar)
Avita 0.025% Cream, Gel	<b>Must try both:</b> OTC Differin gel, tretinoin cream (generic Retin-A)
Axert (brand only)	Almotriptan (generic Axert), naratriptan (generic Amerge), rizatriptan (generic Maxalt), sumatriptan (generic Imitrex)
Axiron	Minimum 4 week trial of Testim
Azilect (brand only)	Rasagiline (generic Azilect)
**Azor	<b>Must try both:</b> Amlodipine (generic Norvasc) plus olmesartan (generic Benicar), amlodipine plus valsartan (generic Exforge)
Balcofra	Levonorgestrel 0.1 mg/ethinyl estradiol 0.02 mg (generics for Alesse)
Baraclude Tablets (brand only)	Entecavir tablet (generic Baraclude)
Beconase AQ	<b>Must try two:</b> Flunisolide (generic Nasarel), fluticasone (generic Flonase), Zetonna, Nasacort OTC
Benicar (brand only)	Olmesartan (generic Benicar)
Benicar HCT (brand only)	Olmesartan HCT (generic Benicar HCT)
Benzaclin Jar (brand only)	Clindamycin 1%/benzoyl peroxide 5% gel (generic Benzaclin)
Benzaclin Kit (1%-5%)	Clindamycin 1.2% /benzoyl peroxide 5% gel (generic Duac), clindamycin solution + OTC benzoyl peroxide
Benzaclin Pump	Clindamycin 1.2% /benzoyl peroxide 5% gel (generic Duac), clindamycin solution + OTC benzoyl peroxide
Benzefoam, Benzefoam Ultra	OTC Benzoyl peroxide
Bepreve	Azelastine (generic for Optivar) and Lastacraft

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Betamethasone Valerate Foam (generic Luxiq)	Betamethasone lotion (generic Valisone)
Betapace (brand only)	Sotalol (generic Betapace)
Bexarotene Caps (generic Targretin)	Targretin capsules
Beyaz	Drospirenone/ethinyl estradiol (generic Yaz) or Yaz + Folic Acid
Bimatoprost 0.03% (generic Lumigan)	Lumigan 0.01%
Binosto	Alendronate (generic for Fosamax), Fosamax
Brisdelle	Estradiol (generic Estrace), paroxetine (generic Paxil), paroxetine extended-release (generic Paxil CR), Enjuvia, Premarin
Bromsite	Bromfenac ophthalmic solution (generic Bromday, Xibrom)
Budesonide Nasal Spray (generic Rhinocort Aqua)	<b>Must try two:</b> Flunisolide (generic Nasarel), fluticasone (generic Flonase), Zetonna, Nasacort OTC
Bunavail Film	Zubsolv
Butal/APAP 50/300 mg	Butalbital/acetaminophen 50/325 mg
Butalbital/Acetaminophen/Caffeine/Codeine 50mg/300mg/40mg/30mg (generic Fioricet with Codeine – 300 mg strength)	Butalbital/acetaminophen/caffeine/codeine 50mg/325mg/40mg/30mg (generic Fioricet with codeine – 325 mg strength)
Byvalson	Valsartan (generic Diovan) plus Bystolic
Caduet and Generic Caduet (Atorvastatin/Amlodipine)	Amlodipine (generic Norvasc) + atorvastatin (generic for Lipitor)
Cambia	Diclofenac tablets (generic Voltaren, Cataflam),
Capecitabine (generic Xeloda)	Xeloda
Cardizem (brand only)	Diltiazem (generic Cardizem)
Cardizem CD (brand only)	Diltiazem extended-release (generic Cardizem CD)
Cardizem LA (brand only)	Diltiazem extended-release (generic Cardizem LA)
Celebrex (brand only)	Celecoxib (generic Celebrex)
Cellcept (brand only)	Mycophenolate (generic Cellcept)
Cenestin	<b>Must try both:</b> Enjuvia, Premarin
Centany AT Kit	Mupirocin ointment (generic Bactroban),
Chlorzoxazone 250 mg	Chlorzoxazone 500 mg (generic Parafon Forte DSC)
Choline Fenofibrate (generic Trilipix)	Fenofibrate 54mg, 160mg (generic Lofibra)
Ciclodan Combination Package	Ciclopirox (generic Loprox),
Ciclodan Kit	Ciclopirox nail lacquer (generic Penlac)
Clarifoam EF (brand only)	Sulfacetamide sodium/sulfur 10-5% (generic Clarifoam EF)
Clarinet/Desloratidine	Levocetirizine (generic for Xyzal)
Clarinet-D	Levocetirizine (generic for Xyzal) + OTC pseudoephedrine
Climara (brand only)	Estradiol transdermal patch (generic Climara)
Clindacin Pac	Clindamycin gel 1% (generic for Cleocin-T), clindamycin solution, clindamycin lotion
Clindagel	Clindamycin gel 1% (generic for Cleocin-T), clindamycin solution, clindamycin lotion
Clindamycin 1%/Benzoyl Peroxide 5% (generic Benzaclin) Gel	Clindamycin 1.2% /benzoyl peroxide 5% gel (generic Duac), clindamycin solution + OTC benzoyl peroxide
Clobetasol Shampoo (generic Clobex Shampoo)	Clobetasol (generic Temovate), Temovate
Clobex Lotion	Clobetasol 0.05% gel (generic Temovate), clobetasol 0.05% solution (generic Temovate)
Clobex Shampoo	Clobetasol (generic Temovate), Temovate
Clodan 0.05%	Clobetasol (generic Temovate) lotion, Temovate lotion

Medication/Drug	Formulary Alternative(s)
Clodan 0.05% Kit	Clobetasol (generic Temovate) lotion, Temovate lotion
Colazal (brand only)	Balsalazide (generic Colazal)
Colchicine Capsule (manufacturer of West-Ward)	Mitigare
Colchicine Tablet (manufacturer of Prasco)	Mitigare
Colcrys	Mitigare
Colesevelam (generic Welchol)	Welchol
Comfort Pac Tizanadine	Tizanadine (generic for Zanaflex)
Conzip	Tramadol (generic Ultram), tramadol ER (generic for Ultram ER), Ultram, Ultram ER
Copaxone (brand only)	Glatiramer acetate (generic Copaxone)
Cordran 0.025% Cream	Hydrocortisone valerate 0.2% cream (generic Westcort cream), prednicarbate 0.1% cream (generic Dermatop cream), fluticasone propionate cream 0.05% (generic Cutivate cream)
Cordran Cream (brand only)	Flurandrenolide 0.05% cream (generic Cordran cream)
Cordran Lotion (brand only)	Flurandrenolide 0.05% lotion (generic Cordran)
Coreg CR	Carvedilol (generic for Coreg), Coreg
Cosopt PF	Dorzolamide/timolol(generic Cosopt), Cosopt
Cotempla XR-ODT	<b>Must try two:</b> Adderall XR, Concerta, methylphenidate extended-release capsule (generic Metadate CD, Ritalin LA), or Vyvanse
Crestor	Rosuvastatin (generic Crestor)
Cuprimine	Depen
**Cymbalta	<b>Must try both:</b> duloxetine (generic Cymbalta), venlafaxine ER (generic Effexor XR)
Daxbia	Cephalexin (generic Keflex)
Daytrana	<b>Must try two:</b> Adderall XR, Concerta, methylphenidate extended-release capsule (generic Metadate CD ), methylphenidate extended-release (generic Ritalin LA) or Vyvanse ( <b>Note:</b> Brand and generic will count as 1 alternative med.)
Decadron Tablets (brand only)	Dexamethasone
Delstrigo	Symfi, Symfi Lo, Triumeq
**Delzicol	Apriso, Lialda
Denavir	<b>Must try two:</b> Acyclovir capsule/tablet (generic Zovirax), famciclovir tablet (generic Famvir), valacyclovir tablet (generic Valtrex), OTC Abreva
Dermasorb XM 39% Kit	Urea 40% (generic Carmol 40)
Desloratadine (generic Clarinex)	Levocetirizine (generic for Xyzal), Xyzal
Desvenlafaxine ER	Venlafaxine extended-release capsule (generic Effexor XR)
Detrol	Oxybutynin (generic Ditropan), oxybutynin extended-release (generic Ditropan XL), Ditropan, Ditropan XL, Toviaz, Oxytrol OTC
Detrol LA	Oxybutynin (generic Ditropan), oxybutynin extended-release (generic Ditropan XL), Ditropan, Ditropan XL, Toviaz, Oxytrol OTC
Dexmethylphenidate Extended-Release Capsule (generic Focalin XR)	<b>Must try two:</b> Adderall XR, Concerta, methylphenidate extended-release capsule (generic Metadate CD), methylphenidate extended-release (generic Ritalin LA) or Vyvanse ( <b>Note:</b> Brand and generic will count as 1 alternative med.)
D.H.E. 45 (brand only)	Dihydroergotamine (generic D.H.E. 45)
Dibenzylamine (brand only)	Phenoxybenzamine (generic Dibenzylamine)
Diclofenac 1% Topical Gel (generic Voltaren)	Voltaren gel



Medication/Drug	Formulary Alternative(s)
**Diovan (brand only)	<b>Must try:</b> Valsartan (generic Diovan) <b>And one of the following:</b> Losartan (generic Cozaar), telmisartan (generic Micardis), irbesartan (generic Avapro)
**Diovan HCT (brand only)	<b>Must try:</b> Valsartan/HCTZ (generic Diovan HCT) <b>And one of the following:</b> Losartan/HCTZ (generic Hyzaar), telmisartan/HCTZ (generic Micardis HCT), irbesartan/HCTZ (generic Avalide)
Disalcid	Salsalate (generic Disalcid)
Donepezil 23mg (generic Aricept 23mg)	Donepezil 10mg (generic Aricept 10mg)
Doryx/Doxycycline Hyclate Delayed Release Tablet	Doxycycline hyclate (generic Morgidox, Vibramycin), doxycycline monohydrate 50mg or 100mg (generic Monodox)
Doxycycline 75mg Capsule (generic Monodox)	Doxycycline hyclate (generic Morgidox, Vibramycin), doxycycline monohydrate 50mg or 100mg (generic Monodox)
Doxycycline Delayed-Release Capsule 40mg (Oracea authorized generic)	<b>Must try two:</b> Doxycycline hyclate (generic Morgidox, Vibramycin), doxycycline monohydrate 50 mg and 100 mg (generic Monodox), Oracea
Doxycycline Monohydrate 150mg Capsule (generic for Adoxa)	Doxycycline hyclate (generic Vibramycin, Vibra-Tab), doxycycline monohydrate 50 or 100mg (generic Monodox)
Duac, Duac CS	Clindamycin 1.2% /benzoyl peroxide 5% gel (generic Duac)
Dupixent	Fluticasone propionate/salmeterol (generic airduo respiclick, Advair®), Breo Ellipta, Symbicort
**Duragesic (brand only)	Fentanyl transdermal patch 12 mcg/hr, 25 mcg/hr, 50 mcg/hr, 75 mcg/hr, 100 mcg/hr (generic Duragesic)
Dutoprol	Metoprolol (generic Toprol-XL) plus hydrochlorothiazide
Dyanavel XR	<b>Must try two</b> (brand or generic): Adderall XR, Concerta, methylphenidate extended-release (generic Metadate CD), methylphenidate extended-release (generic Ritalin LA) or Vyvanse ( <b>Note:</b> Brand and generic will count as 1 alternative med.)
**Dymista	Fluticasone (generic for Flonase) + azelastine (generic for Astelin)
Ecoza	<b>Must try two:</b> Econazole (generic Spectazole), ketoconazole (generic Nizoral), terbinafine (generic Lamisil)
Edluar	<b>Must try two:</b> Zolpidem (generic Ambien), zaleplon (generic Sonata), eszopiclone (generic Lunesta)
E.E.S. 400 (brand only)	Erythromycin ethylsuccinate (generic E.E.S. 400)
Effient (brand only)	Prasugrel (generic Effient)
Elestat	Azelastine (generic for Optivar) and Lastacraft
Emadine	Azelastine (generic for Optivar) and Lastacraft
Emflaza	Prednisone
Emgality	Amitriptyline (Elavil), beta-blocker (e.g., atenolol, metoprolol, nadolol, propranolol, or timolol), divalproex sodium (Depakote/Depakote ER), topiramate (Topamax), venlafaxine (Effexor)
Enablex	Oxytrol OTC, oxybutynin, oxybutynin extended-release, Ditropan, Ditropan XL, Toviaz
Entocort EC (brand only)	Budesonide (generic Entocort EC)
Envarsus XR	Tacrolimus (generic Prograf)
Epidiolex	<b>Must try two:</b> Divalproex (generic Depakote), lamotrigine (generic Lamictal), topiramate (generic Topamax), valproic acid (generic Depakene)
Epiduo	<b>Must try both:</b> OTC benzoyl peroxide PLUS OTC Differin gel; OTC benzoyl peroxide PLUS tretinoin cream (generic Retin-A)
Epiduo Forte	<b>Must try both:</b> tretinoin (generic Retin-A) + OTC Benzoyl Peroxide, OTC Differin + OTC Benzoyl Peroxide

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Epinephrine Pen Injection 0.15mg and 0.3mg (generic Adrenaclick)	Epinephrine (EpiPen or EpiPen Jr. authorized generic)
EpiPen/EpiPen Jr. (brand only)	Epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen, EpiPen Jr. authorized generic)
Epzicom (brand only)	Abacavir/lamivudine (generic Epzicom)
Ertaczo	<b>Must try two:</b> Ciclopirox (generic Loprox), econazole (generic Spectazole), ketoconazole (generic Nizoral)
Estradiol (generic Estrace Cream 0.01%)	Estrace Cream
Estradiol TD Twice Weekly Patch (generic Vivelle-Dot)	Vivelle-Dot
Evekeo	Amphetamine/dextroamphetamine immediate-release (generic Adderall), dextroamphetamine immediate-release (generic Dexedrine)
Evista (brand only)	Raloxifene (generic Evista)
Exelon Patch (brand only)	Rivastigmine transdermal patch (generic Exelon), rivastigmine capsules (generic Exelon)
Exforge	Amlodipine/valsartan (generic Exforge)
Exforge HCT	Amlodipine (generic Norvasc) + losartan/hydrochlorothiazide (generic Hyzaar), Amlodipine (generic Norvasc) + valsartan/hydrochlorothiazide (generic Diovan HCT), Amlodipine (generic Norvasc) + olmesartan HCT Amlodipine (generic Norvasc) + telmisartan/hydrochlorothiazide (generic Micardis HCT), amlodipine/valsartan (generic Exforge) + hydrochlorothiazide
Fabior	Differin (OTC), Tazorac gel, tretinoin cream (generic Retin-A)
Falessa Kit	Levonorgestrel/ethinyl estradiol (generic Alesse, Levlite) [branded generics (Aubra, Aviane, Lessina, Lutera, Orsythia, Sronyx, Falmina)] plus Folic Acid
Femara (brand only)	Letrozole (generic Femara)
Fenofibrate 43mg, 130mg (generic Antara) Capsule	Fenofibrate 54mg, 160mg (generic Lofibra)
Fenofibrate 48mg, 145mg (generic Tricor)	Fenofibrate 54mg, 160mg (generic Lofibra)
Fenofibrate 50mg, 150mg (generic Lipofen) Capsule	Fenofibrate 54mg, 160mg (generic Lofibra)
Fenoglide	Fenofibrate 54mg, 160mg (generic Lofibra)
Fentanyl Transdermal Patch (37.5, 62.5 and 87.5 Mcg/Hr strengths only)	Fentanyl transdermal patch (12.5, 25, 50, 75, 100 mcg/hr only) (generic Duragesic)
Fentora	<b>Must try two:</b> Fentanyl citrate (generic Actiq), Lazanda
Fiasp	Humalog
Fiasp/Fiasp FlexTouch	Humalog vial, Humalog kwikpen
Fibricor 35mg, 105mg	Fenofibrate 54mg, 160mg (generic Lofibra)
Fioricet with Codeine 50mg/325mg/40mg/30mg (brand only)	Butalbital/acetaminophen/caffeine/codeine phosphate 50mg/325mg/40mg/30mg (generic Fioricet with codeine)
Fioricet with Codeine Capsule 50mg/300mg/40mg/30mg	Butalbital/acetaminophen/caffeine/codeine 50mg/325mg/40mg/30mg (generic Fioricet with codeine)
Flector	Voltaren Gel
Flomax (brand only)	Tamsulosin (generic Flomax)
Flo-Pred	Prednisolone sodium phosphate (generic Orapred, Pedipred, Prelone), Orapred, Pedipred, Prelone
Fluoxetine 60 mg Tablet	Fluoxetine capsules (generic Prozac)
Fluoxetine Tablets (generic Sarafem)	Fluoxetine capsules (generic Prozac)
Flowtuss	Guaifenesin/codeine solution (Cheratussin)
Floxin 0.3% Otic (brand only)	Ofloxacin 0.3% otic solution (generic Floxin Otic, Ocuflux)
Fluocinonide 0.1% Cream (generic Vanos)	Fluocinonide cream (generic Lidex)



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Fluticasone/Salmeterol	Advair Diskus/HFA, Breo Ellipta, Symbicort
Focalin XR	<b>Must try two:</b> Adderall XR, Concerta, methylphenidate extended-release capsule (generic Metadate CD), methylphenidate extended-release (generic Ritalin LA) or Vyvanse ( <b>Note:</b> Brand and generic will count as 1 alternative med.)
Fosrenol Chewable Tablets (brand only)	Lanthanum chewable tablets (generic Fosrenol) <b>OR</b> doxycycline monohydrate (generic Monodox)
Fortesta	Testim, Androderm
Gelnique	Oxytrol OTC, oxybutynin (generic Ditropan), oxybutynin extended-release (generic Ditropan XL), Ditropan, Ditropan XL, Toviaz
Genadur Kit	OTC Aquaphor, OTC Eucerin, OTC Lubriderm, OTC white petroleum
Generess FE	Gildess FE, Junel FE, Larin FE, Microgestin FE (generic for Loestrin FE), Loestrin FE, Lo Loestrin FE, LoMedia
Genotropin and Genotropin Miniquick	Nutropin AQ or Nutropin AQ NuSpin
Geodon (brand only)	Ziprasidone (generic Geodon)
Gialax Kit	PEG-3350 (generic Miralax)
Giazo	Balsalazide (generic for Colazal), Colazal
Glatopa (Glatiramer generic Copaxone)	<b>Must try two:</b> Avonex, glatiramer acetate (Mylan only generic Copaxone), Betaseron, Tecfidera
Gleevec (brand only)	Imatinib (generic Gleevec)
Gocovri	Amantadine IR (generic Symmetrel)
Gonitro	Nitroglycerin sublingual tablet (generic Nitrostat)
Gralise	Gabapentin (generic Neurontin)
Granix	Zarxio
Helidac	Pylera
Helixate FS	Kogenate FS, Kovaltry, Novoeight, Nuwiq
Hemangeol Oral Solution	Propranolol tablet, propranolol oral solution
Horizant	Gabapentin (generic Neurontin) or ropinirole (generic Requip )or pramipexole (generic Mirapex)
Humatrope	Nutropin AQ or Nutropin AQ NuSpin
Humira 10 mg/0.1 mL, 20 mg/0.2mL, 40 mg/0.4 mL, 80 mg/0.8 mL Prefilled Syringe	Humira 10 mg/0.2mL, 20 mg/0.4 mL, 40 mg/0.8mL
Hycofenix	Guaifenesin/codeine solution (Cheratussin)
Hydrocodone/Guaifenesin Solution 2.5/200 mg/5 mL	Guaifenesin/codeine solution (Cheratussin AC), Obredon
Ilevro	Bromfenac ophthalmic solution (generic Bromday, Xibrom)
Ilumya	Cosentyx, Humira, Stelara
Imitrex Injection (brand only)	Sumatriptan injection or tablets (generic Imitrex)
Imitrex Tablets (brand only)	Sumatriptan injection or tablets (generic Imitrex)
Impozyz	Betamethasone dipropionate augmented 0.05% cream (generic Diprolene AF) and fluocinonide 0.05% cream (generic Lidex cream)
Imuran (brand only)	Azathioprine (generic Imuran)
Imvexxy	Intrarosa, Ospheña, Premarin Cream
Inderal LA (brand only)	Propranolol extended-release capsule (generic Inderal LA)
Intermezzo	<b>Must try two:</b> Zolpidem (generic Ambien), zaleplon (generic Sonata), eszopiclone (generic Lunesta)
**Intuniv (brand only)	Guanfacine extended-release (generic Intuniv)
Invega (brand only)	Paliperidone (generic Invega)
Inveltys	Prednisolone (generic Pred Forte), Maxidex

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Irenka	Duloxetine (generic Cymbalta)
Ixinity	BeneFIX, Rixubis
Jalyn	Dutasteride (generic Avodart) + tamsulosin (generic Flomax)
Jivi	Kogenate, Kovaltry, Nuwiq, Novoeight
Juluca	Edurant + Tivicay
Kapsargo	Metoprolol succinate ER (generic Toprol-XL), metoprolol tartrate (generic Lopressor)
Kapvay	Guanfacine extended-release (generic Intuniv)
Karbinal ER	Carbinoxamine tablets (generic Palgic)
Kenalog Spray (brand only)	Triamcinolone spray (generic Kenalog)
Keralac 47% Cream	Urea 40%
Keralyt Scalp Kit	Salicylic acid shampoo, salicylic acid gel
Ketocon	Ketoconazole 2% + hydrocortisone 1%
Ketodan Combination Package	Ketoconazole cream, shampoo or foam (generic Nixoral)
Khedezla	Venlafaxine extended-release capsule (generic Effexor XR)
Kitabis Pak	Bethkis
Lactulose Oral Crystal Packet (generic Kristalose)	Lactulose oral solution
**Lantus, **Lantus Solostar	<b>Must try both:</b> Basaglar, Levemir
Lescol XL (brand only)	<b>Must try three:</b> Atorvastatin (generic Lipitor), fluvastatin (generic Lescol), lovastatin (generic Mevacor), pravastatin (generic Pravachol), simvastatin (generic Zocor)
Levalbuterol Nebs (generic Xopenex Nebs)	Albuterol nebulized solution (generic Proventil Inhalation Solution)
**Lexapro	<b>Must try:</b> escitalopram (generic Lexapro) <b>And one of the following:</b> paroxetine (generic Paxil), sertraline (generic Zoloft), fluoxetine (generic Prozac), citalopram (generic Celexa)
Lexette 0.05%	Betamethasone 0.05% augmented gel (generic Diprolene), clobetasol propionate 0.05% gel (generic Temovate), clobetasol 0.05% solution (generic Temovate), halobetasol 0.05% cream (generic Ultravate)
Librax (brand only)	Chlordiazepoxide/clidinium (generic Librax)
Lidoderm	Lidocaine transdermal patch (generic Lidoderm)
**Lipitor (brand only)	<b>Must try:</b> Atorvastatin (generic for Lipitor) <b>And one of the following:</b> Crestor, pravastatin (generic Pravachol), simvastatin (generic Zocor), lovastatin (generic Mevacor)
Lipofen	Fenofibrate 54mg, 160mg (generic Lofibra)
Locoid Lipocream	Hydrocortisone butyrate (generic Locoid)
Locoid Lotion	Hydrocortisone butyrate (generic Locoid)
LoCort	Dexamethasone tablets
Lodosyn (brand only)	Carbidopa (generic Lodosyn)
Lofibra 54mg, 160mg (brand only)	Fenofibrate 54mg, 160mg (generic Lofibra)
Lofibra 67, 134, 200mg	Fenofibrate 54mg, 160mg (generic Lofibra)
Lokelma	Sodium polystyrene sulfonate (generic Kayexalate)
Lo Minastrin FE	Junel Fe, Larin FE, Blisovi FE, Microgestin FE, Tarnia FE (branded generics for Loestrin Fe), LoMedia
Lonhala Magnair	Ipratropium inhalation solution (generic Atrovent), Incruse Ellipta, Spiriva HandiHaler, Spiriva Respimat, Tudorza Pressair
Loprox 0.77% Cream	Ciclopirox 0.77% cream (generic Loprox)
Loprox Shampoo (brand only)	Ciclopirox shampoo (generic Loprox Shampoo)
Loprox (suspension)	Ciclopirox 0.77% suspension (generic Loprox)

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Lorzone	Chlorzoxazone (generic Parafon Forte DSC)
Lotemax Gel	Lotemax Ointment/Suspension
Lotronex (brand only)	Alosetron (generic Lotronex)
Lovaza (brand only)	<b>Must try both:</b> Omega-3-acid ethyl esters (generic Lovaza), Vascepa
Lucemyra	Clonidine tablet (generic Catapres)
**Lunesta (brand only)	<b>Must try two:</b> Zolpidem (generic Ambien), zaleplon(generic Sonata), eszopiclone (generic Lunesta)
Luxiq Foam	Betamethasone lotion (generic Valisone)
Luzu	<b>Must try two:</b> Ciclopirox (generic Loprox), econazole (generic Spectazole), ketoconazole (generic Nizoral)
Maxalt (brand only)	Rizatriptan (generic Maxalt)
Maxalt-Mlt (brand only)	Rizatriptan orally disintegrating tablet (generic Maxalt MLT)
Mepron Suspension (brand only)	Atovaquone suspension (generic Mepron)
Mesalamine (generic Lialda)	Lialda (brand)
Mesalamine Suppository (generic Canasa)	Canasa
Metadate CD (brand only)	<b>Must try two</b> (brand or generic): Adderall XR, Concerta, methylphenidate extended-release (generic Metadate CD), methylphenidate extended-release (generic Ritalin LA) or Vyvanse ( <b>Note:</b> Brand and generic will count as 1 alternative med.)
***Methylphenidate Extended-Release Tablet (generic Concerta)	Brand Concerta
Metoprolol 37.5, 75mg	Metoprolol (25, 50, 100mg strengths) (generic Lopressor)
Metoprolol Extended-Release/ Hydrochlorothiazide (Dutoprol authorized generic)	Metoprolol (generic Toprol-XL) plus hydrochlorothiazide
Metrogel 0.75% Vaginal (brand only)	Metronidazole 0.75% vaginal gel (generic Metrogel-Vaginal)
Metrogel 1%	Metronidazole gel 0.75% (generic Metrogel)
Metronidazole 1% Gel (generic Metrogel 1%)	Metronidazole gel 0.75% (generic Metrogel)
Metozolv ODT	Metoclopramide (generic for Reglan)
Micardis (brand only)	Telmisartan (generic Micardis)
Micardis HCT (brand only)	Telmisartan/hydrochlorothiazide (generic Micardis HCT)
Micort-HC 2.5% Cream	Hydrocortisone 2.5% cream
Migranal (brand only)	Dihydroergotamine nasal spray (generic Migranal)
Minastrin 24 FE	Gildess Fe, Junel Fe, Larin FE, Microgestin Fe (branded generics for Loestrin Fe), LoMedia
Minocin 50mg, 75mg and 100mg	Minocycline capsule (generic Minocin)
Minocycline Tablet (generic Dynacin)	Minocycline immediate-release capsules (generic Minocin)
Minolira	Minocycline immediate-release capsules (generic Minocin)
Mirapex ER	Pramipexole (generic for Mirapex), Mirapex
Moderiba Pak	Ribavirin (generic Copegus)
Moderiba Tablet	Ribavirin (generic Copegus)
Monodox (brand only)	Doxycycline hyclate (generic Vibramycin), doxycycline monohydrate 50 or 100mg (generic Monodox)
Morgidox Kit (combo package)	Doxycycline hyclate (generic Vibramycin), doxycycline monohydrate 50 or 100mg (generic Monodox)
Motofen	Diphenoxylate/atropine (generic Lomotil)
Mulpleta	Promacta
Mydayis	<b>Must try two:</b> Adderall XR, Concerta, methylphenidate extended-release capsule (generic Metadate CD, Ritalin LA), or Vyvanse

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Myfortic (brand only)	Mycophenolate delayed-release (generic Myfortic)
*Myrbetriq	<b>Must try:</b> Toviaz <b>And one of the following:</b> Oxytrol OTC, oxybutynin (generic Ditropan), oxybutynin extended-release (generic Ditropan XL)
Naftin 1% & 2% Gel or Cream	<b>Must try two:</b> Ciclopirox (generic Loprox), econazole (generic Spectazole), ketoconazole (generic Nizoral)
Nalfon 600 mg Tablet	Ibuprofen (generic Motrin), naproxen (generic Aleve, Naprosyn)
Nalocet	Oxycodone/acetaminophen (generic Percocet)
Namenda XR	Memantine immediate-release (generic Namenda)
Namzaric	Donepezil (generic Aricept) plus memantine (generic Namenda)
Naprelan	Naproxen sodium
Nasonex	<b>Two of the following:</b> Flunisolide (generic Nasarel), fluticasone (generic Flonase), Zetonna, Nasacort OTC
Natesto	Androderm, Testim
Natroba (brand only)	Spinosad (generic Natroba)
Neoral (brand only)	Cyclosporine modified (generic Neoral)
Neo-Synalar	OTC Triple Antibiotic Ointment plus fluocinolone 0.025% cream (generic Synalar)
Neo-Synalar Kit	OTC Neosporin plus fluocinolone cream (generic Lidex), Lidex cream
Nevirapine Extended-Release	Nevirapine (generic Viramune)
Neupogen	Zarxio
Nicazeldoxy 30 Kit (Doxycycline Plus MVI)	Doxycycline hyclate (generic Vibramycin, Vibra-Tab), doxycycline monohydrate 50 or 100mg (generic Monodox)
Nitroglycerin Spray (generic Nitrolingual)	Nitroglycerin spray (generic Nitromist), Nitromist, Nitrostat
Nitrolingual Pump Spray	Nitroglycerin spray (generic Nitromist), Nitromist, Nitrostat
Nivistym	Zarxio
Noctiva	Desmopressin nasal spray (generic DDAVP)
Norditropin, Norditropin Nordiflex, Norditropin Flexpro	Nutropin AQ or Nutropin AQ NuSpin
Noritate	Metronidazole 0.75% cream (generic Metrocream), metronidazole-.75% gel (generic Metrogel)
Norvir Tablets	Ritonavir (generic Norvir)
Novolin 70/30, Novolin 70/30 Relion	Humulin 70/30 vial, Humulin 70/30 KwikPen
Novolin N, Novolin N Relion	Humulin N vial, Humulin N KwikPen
Novolin R, Novolin R Relion	Humulin R vial
Novolin FlexPen 70/30	Humulin 70/30
Novolog, Novolog FlexPen, Novolog Penfill	Humalog vial, Humalog KwikPen
Novolog Mix 70/30, Novolog Mix 70/30 Prefilled FlexPen	Humalog 75/25 vial, Humalog 75/25 KwikPen
Nuvessa	Metronidazole 0.75% vaginal gel (generic Metrogel-Vaginal)
Nuvigil (brand)	Modafinil (generic Provigil)
Nystatin/Triamcinolone (generic Mycolog II) Cream and Ointment	Nystatin cream or ointment (generic Mycostatin) + triamcinolone 0.1% cream or ointment (generic Kenalog)
Oleptro	Trazodone (generic for Desyrel)
Olumiant	Cimzia, Humira, Simponi
Olux	Clobetasol 0.05% gel (generic Temovate), clobetasol 0.05% solution (generic Temovate)
Olux-E	Clobetasol 0.05% gel (generic Temovate), clobetasol 0.05% solution (generic Temovate)
Omeclamox-Pak	Omeprazole (Prilosec) & clarithromycin (Biaxin) & amoxicillin (Amoxil)

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Omnaris	<b>Must try two:</b> Flunisolide (generic Nasarel), fluticasone (generic Flonase), Zetonna, Nasacort OTC
Omnitrope	Nutropin AQ or Nutropin AQ NuSpin
Onexton 1.2-3.75%	Clindamycin topical solution (generic Cleocin T) + OTC benzoyl peroxide or clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide (generic Duac) 1.2%-5%
Onmel	Itraconazole (generic for Sporanox), Sporanox
Onzetra Xsail	Sumatriptan nasal spray (generic Imitrex)
Opana ER	<b>Must try three:</b> Morphine sulfate extended-release tablet (generic MS Contin), Nucynta ER, Xtampza ER
Optivar (brand only)	Azelastine (generic for Optivar) AND Lastacaft
Orfadin	Nityr
Ortho Evra (brand only)	Norelgestromin/ethinyl estradiol topical patch, Xulane (generic Ortho Evra)
Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo (brand only)	Norgestimate/ethinyl estradiol, Tri-Lo-Estarylla, Tri-Lo-Marzia, Tri-Lo-Sprintec, Trinesa (generic for Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo)
Osmolex ER	Amantadine immediate-release
Otovel	Ofloxacin 0.3% solution (generic Floxin, Ocuflax), Ciprodex
Ovace Plus 9.8% Lotion	Sulfacetamide sodium 10% lotion, gel
Ovace Plus Foam	Sulfacetamide sodium 10% lotion, gel
Oxaydo	Oxycodone immediate-release (generic Oxy IR)
Oxistat Lotion	<b>Must try two:</b> Clopirox (generic Loprox), econazole (generic Spectazole), ketoconazole (generic Nizoral)
Ozempic	Adlyxin, Bydureon, Trulicity, Victoza
Parlodel	Bromocriptine (generic Parlodel)
Pataday	<b>Must try all of the following:</b> Azelastine (generic for Optivar), Lastacaft, olopatadine (generic Patanol)
Patanol	Azelastine (generic for Optivar) and Lastacaft
Pazeo	Azelastine (generic for Optivar) and Lastacaft
PCP 100 Kit	Metoclopramide (generic Reglan) + OTC magnesium citrate + OTC Miralax, + OTC bisacodyl + OTC Cerelyte 50
Pediaderm AF	Nystatin cream (generic Mycostatin)
Pediaderm TA	Triamcinolone 0.1% cream (generic Aristocort)
Pedipirox-4	Ciclopirox (generic Penlac)
Penlac Nail Lacquer (brand only)	Ciclopirox 8% solution (generic Penlac Nail Lacquer)
**Pennsaid 1.5% Drops	Voltaren Gel
**Pennsaid 2%	Voltaren Gel
**Pentasa	Apriso, Lialda
**Percocet (brand only)	Acetaminophen/oxycodone (generic Percocet)
Pifeltro	Symfi, Symfi Lo, Triumeq
Plavix (brand only)	Clopidogrel (generic Plavix)
Plenvu	PEG-3350/electrolytes, Gavilyte-C (generic Colyte 240/22.74 g), PEG-3350/electrolytes, Gavilyte-G (generic Golytely 236/22.7 g), PEG-3350/NaCl/NaBicarbonate/KCl, Gavilyte-N, Trilyte (generic Nulytely)
Plexion 9.8-4.8% Cream, Liquid, Lotion	Sulfacetamide sodium/sulfur 10-5%
Plexion Cloth 9.8%-4.8% Pads	Sulfacetamide sodium/sulfur 10-5%
Pramosone E	Hydrocortisone/pramoxine (generic Pramosone)
Prescription Emollients/Moisturizers	OTC Aquaphor, OTC Eucerin, OTC Lubriderm, OTC White Petroleum
Prestalia	Perindopril (generic Aceon) plus amlodipine (generic Norvasc)
Prevpac	Omeclamox-Pak

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Prilosec Suspension	<b>All of the following:</b> Omeprazole (generic Prilosec), pantoprazole (generic Protonix), rabeprazole (generic Aciphex), Dexilant, Prevacid Solu-Tab, Nexium Suspension
Pristiq (brand only)	Desvenlafaxine extended-release tablet (generic Pristiq)
Procort	Hydrocortisone/pramoxine (generic Analpram E)
Proctocort (brand only)	Hydrocortisone 1% cream (generic Proctocort), hydrocortisone 30mg suppository (generic Proctocort)
Prodrin (brand only)	Isometheptene/caffeine/acetaminophen 65/20/325mg (generic Prodrin)
Prograf Capsules (brand only)	Tacrolimus (generic Prograf)
Prolensa	Bromfenac ophthalmic solution (generic Bromday, Xibrom)
Promiseb Complete Kit	Promiseb
Protonix (brand only)	<b>All of the following:</b> Omeprazole (generic Prilosec), pantoprazole (generic Protonix), rabeprazole (generic Aciphex), Dexilant
Protonix Granules for Suspension	<b>All of the following:</b> Omeprazole (generic Prilosec), pantoprazole (generic Protonix), rabeprazole (generic Aciphex), Dexilant, Prevacid Solu-Tab, Nexium Suspension
Protopic	Tacrolimus ointment (generic Protopic)
Provigil (brand only)	Modafinil (generic Provigil)
**Prozac	<b>Must try:</b> fluoxetine (generic Prozac) <b>And one of the following:</b> paroxetine (generic Paxil), sertraline (generic Zoloft), citalopram (generic Celexa), escitalopram (generic Lexapro)
Prozac Weekly (brand only)	Fluoxetine capsules (generic Prozac)
Qnasl	<b>Must try two:</b> Flunisolide (generic Nasarel), fluticasone (generic Flonase), Zetonna, Nasacort OTC
Qtern	Farxiga plus Onglyza
Quartette	Introvale, Jolessa, Quasense (generics for Seasonale); Amethia, Camrese, Daysee (generic for Seasonique); Amethia Lo, Camrese Lo (generic for LoSeasonique)
Quillichew ER	<b>Must try two</b> (brand or generic): Adderall XR, Concerta, methylphenidate extended-release (generic Metadate CD), methylphenidate extended-release (generic Ritalin LA) or Vyvanse ( <b>Note:</b> Brand and generic will count as 1 alternative med.)
Quillivant XR	<b>Must try two</b> (brand or generic): Adderall XR, Concerta, methylphenidate extended-release (generic Metadate CD), methylphenidate extended-release (generic Ritalin LA) or Vyvanse ( <b>Note:</b> Brand and generic will count as 1 alternative med.)
Rapamune Tablets (brand only)	Sirolimus (generic Rapamune)
Rayaldee	Calcitriol (generic Rocaltrol)
**Rayos	Prednisone
Rebinyn	Benefix, Rixubis
Relpax (brand only)	Eletriptan (generic Relpax)
Renvela Tablets (brand only)	Sevelamer tablets (generic Renvela)
Requip XL	Ropinirole (generic for Requip), Requip
Restasis Multidose	Restasis (single use vials)
Retacrit	Epogen, Procrit
Retin-A Gel	<b>Must try both:</b> OTC Differin gel, tretinoin cream (generic Retin-A)
Retin-A Cream (brand only)	<b>Must try both:</b> OTC Differin gel, tretinoin cream (generic Retin-A)
Retin-A Micro (brand and generic)	<b>Must try both:</b> OTC Differin gel, Tretinoin cream (generic Retin-A),
Retin-A Micro Pump (brand and generic)	<b>Must try both:</b> OTC Differin gel, Tretinoin cream (generic Retin-A),
Revatio	Sildenafil (generic Revatio)



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Rexaphenac 1% Cream	Voltaren Gel
Reyataz Capsules (brand only)	Atazanavir (generic Reyataz)
Rhinocort Aqua	<b>Must try two:</b> Flunisolide (generic Nasarel), fluticasone (generic Flonase), Zetonna, Nasacort OTC
Rhopressa	Latanoprost (Xalatan), Lumigan, Travatan Z
Ribapak	Ribavirin (generic for Copegus, Rebetol)
Risperdal (brand only)	Risperidone (generic Risperdal)
Ritalin LA (brand only)	<b>Must try two:</b> Adderall XR, Concerta, methylphenidate extended-release capsule (generic Metadate CD), methylphenidate extended-release (generic Ritalin LA) or Vyvanse ( <b>Note:</b> Brand and generic will count as 1 alternative med.)
Ropinirole Extended Release (Requip XL)	Ropinirole (generic Requip), Requip
Rosadan Kit Cream	Metronidazole cream (Metrocream), metronidazole 0.75% gel
Rosadan Kit Gel	Metronidazole gel 0.75% (Metrogel), metronidazole 0.75% lotion
Rosula	Sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 10-5%
Roxybond	Oxycodone (generic Roxicodone)
Ryclora	OTC chlorpheniramine (generic Chlor-Trimeton)
Rytary	Carbidopa/levodopa extended release tablet (generic Sinemet CR), carbidopa/levodopa (generic Sinemet)
Ryvent Tablet	Carbinoxamine tablets (generic Palgic)
Tramadol Extended Release (generic Ryzolt)	Tramadol (generic for Ultram), tramadol ER (generic for Ultram ER)
Sabril Powder Pack (brand only)	Vigabatrin powder pack (generic Sabril)
Safyral	Drospirenone/ethinyl estradiol (generic Yasmin), Yasmin + folic acid
Saizen	Nutropin AQ or Nutropin AQ NuSpin
Sanctura (brand and generic)	Oxytrol OTC, oxybutynin, oxybutynin extended-release, Ditropan, Ditropan XL, Toviaz
Sanctura XR (brand and generic)	Oxytrol OTC, oxybutynin, oxybutynin extended-release, Ditropan, Ditropan XL, Toviaz
Sancuso	Granisetron (generic for Kytril)
Sandimmune Capsules (brand only)	Cyclosporine (generic Sandimmune)
Sandostatin (brand only)	Octreotide (generic Sandostatin)
Sarafem Tablets	Fluoxetine capsules (generic Prozac)
Seroquel XR (brand only)	Quetiapine extended-release (generic Seroquel XR)
Sernivo Spray	Betamethasone lotion (generic Diprosone)
Seroquel (brand only)	Quetiapine (generic Seroquel)
Siklos	Hydroxyurea (generic Hydrea), Droxia
Silenor	Doxepin (generic Sinequan); zolpidem (generic Ambien), zaleplon (generic Sonata)
Simbrinza 1-0.2%	Brimonidine (generic Alphagan) or Alphagan plus Azopt
Singulair Chewable Tablet (brand only)	Montelukast chewable tablet (generic Singulair)
Singulair Tablet (brand only)	Montelukast (generic Singulair)
Sitavig	Acyclovir tablets (Zovirax), acyclovir ointment (Zovirax ointment), Zovirax cream, Zovirax tablets
Skelaxin (brand only)	Metaxolone (generic for Skelaxin)
Sodium Sulfacetamide/Sulfur 9-4.5% Kit (Generic Sumadan Kit)	Sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 10-5%
Solodyn	<b>Must try two:</b> minocycline immediate-release capsules (generic Minocin) <b>And either</b> doxycycline hyclate (generic Vibramycin, Vibra-Tab) <b>or</b> doxycycline monohydrate (generic Monodox),

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Soltamox	Tamoxifen (generic for Nolvadex), Nolvadex
Soma 250mg/Carisoprodol 250mg	Carisoprodol 350mg (generic for Soma)
Sorilux (Calcipotriene)	Calcipotriene (Dovonex), Dovonex
Spritam	Levetiracetam tablets, oral solution (generic Keppra)
SSS 10-4	Sulfacetamide sodium/sulfur 10-5%
Staxyn	Levitra
Steglatro	Invokana, Jardiance, Farxiga
Steglujan	SGLT-2 inhibitor (i.e., Invokana, Jardiance, Farxiga) plus DPP-4 inhibitor (i.e., Januvia, Nesina, Onglyza, Tradjenta)
Stiolto Respimat	Anoro Ellipta, Bevespi Aerosphere
Strattera (brand only)	Atomoxetine (generic Strattera)
Subsys Post	<b>Must try both:</b> Fentanyl citrate (generic Actiq), Lazanda (Prior Authorization required)
Sumadan	Sulfacetamide sodium/sulfur 10-5%
Sumadan Cleanser (brand only)	Sulfacetamide sodium/sulfur 10-5%
Sumadan Xlt Kit	Sulfacetamide sodium/sulfur 10-5%
Sumavel DosePro	Sumatriptan injection (generic Imitrex)
Sumaxin CP	Sulfacetamide sodium/sulfur 10-5%
Sumaxin TS	Sulfacetamide sodium/sulfur 10-5%
Sympazan	Clobazam (generic Onfi), clonazepam (generic Klonopin), lamotrigine (generic Lamictal), topiramate (generic Topamax)
Symtuza	Prezcobix plus Descovy
Synalar 0.01% Solution (brand only)	Fluocinolone 0.01% solution (generic Synalar)
Synalar 0.025% Cream, Ointment (brand only)	Fluocinolone 0.025% cream, ointment (generic Synalar)
Synalar Kit	Fluocinolone (generic Synalar)
Synalar TS	Fluocinolone (generic Synalar)
Taclonex Ointment (brand only)	Betamethasone/calcipotriene ointment (generic Taclonex)
Tadalafil (generic Cialis)	Cialis
Takhzyro	Cinryze, Haegarda
Talzenna	Lynparza
Tamiflu Capsules (brand only)	Oseltamivir capsules (generic Tamiflu)
Tamiflu Suspension (brand only)	Oseltamivir suspension (generic Tamiflu suspension)
Targadox	Doxycycline hyclate capsules (generic Vibramycin, Vibra-Tab), doxycycline monohydrate (generic Monodox)
Tasmar (brand only)	Tolcapone (generic Tasmar)
Tavalisse	Promacta
Taytulla	Blisovi FE, Gildess FE, Junel FE, Larin FE, Microgestin FE, Norethindrone/Ethinyl Estradiol/Ferrous Fumarate, Tarina FE (generics Loestrin FE), Blisovi 24 FE, Gildess 24 FE, Junel 24 FE, Larin 24 FE, LoMedia 24 FE, Microgestin FE (generic Loestrin 24 FE)
Tazarotene 0.1% Cream (generic Tazorac)	OTC Differin, tretinoin cream (generic Retin-A), Tazorac 1% cream
Tekamlo	Amlodipine (generic Norvasc) or Norvasc + Tekturna
Tenoretic (brand only)	Atenolol/chlorthalidone (generic Tenoretic)
Tenormin (brand only)	Atenolol (generic Tenormin)
Terbinex	Terbinafine (generic for Lamisil)
Testosterone Topical Gel (authorized generic for Testim)	Minimum 4 week trial of Testim
Testosterone Topical Gel (generic Volgelxo)	Testim, Androderm

Medication/Drug	Formulary Alternative(s)
Testosterone Topical Gel (manufacturer of Perrigo Israel)	Androderm, Testim
Tetravex Gel	Lidocaine 5% cream/ointment
Tiglutik	Riluzole (generic Rilutek)
Tirosint	Levothyroxine, Synthroid
Tivorbex	Indomethacin capsule (generic Indocin)
Tobi Nebs	Bethkis
Tobradex ST	Tobramycin/dexamethasone ophthalmic drops (generic for Tobradex), Tobradex
Tobramycin Nebulized Solution	Bethkis
Tolak 4% Cream	Fluorouracil 5% cream (generic Efudex)
Tolterodine (generic Detrol)	Oxytrol OTC, oxybutynin, oxybutynin extended-release, Ditropan, Ditropan XL, Toviaz
Topicort Spray	Desoximetasone (generic Topicort), Topicort
Toujeo Solostar	Levemir
Tramadol Extended-Release (generic Ryzolt)	Tramadol (generic Ultram), tramadol extended-release (generic Ultram ER)
Tretinoin Gel (generic Retin-A)	<b>Must try both:</b> OTC Differin gel, tretinoin cream (generic Retin-A)
Tretin-X Cream	Tretinoin cream (generic Retin-A), OTC Differin
Tretin-X Kit	Tretinoin cream (generic Retin-A), OTC Differin
**Treximet	<b>Must try both:</b> Sumatriptan (generic Imitrex) + naproxen (generic Naprosyn), rizatriptan (generic Maxalt) + naproxen
Trezix	Acetaminophen/codeine (Tylenol with codeine)
Trianex	Triamcinolone ointment
Tribenzor	Amlodipine (generic Norvasc) + HCTZ + olmesartan OR olesartan HCT + amlodipine (generic Norvasc)
Tricor/Fenofibrate 48mg and 145mg (generic Tricor)	Fenofibrate 54mg, 160m (generic Tricor)
Triglide	Fenofibrate 54mg, 160mg (generic Lofibra)
Trilipix	Fenofibrate 54mg, 160mg (generic Lofibra)
Tuzistra XR	Hydrocodone polistirex/chlorpheniramine polistirex (generic Tussionex Pennkinetic), Z-Tuss
Twynsta	Telmisartan (generic Micardis) + amlodipine (generic Norvasc) or Norvasc, amlodipine/valsartan (generic Exforge)
Ultravate X Combination Package	Halobetasol (generic for Ultravate) plus ammonium lactate (generic for Lac-Hydrin), Ultravate plus Lac-Hydrin
Umecta Emulsion, Foam, Suspension	Urea 40%
Umecta Kit (nail film pen/film suspension)	Urea 40% emulsion (Umecta) + hyaluronate gel 0.2% (Hylira)
Umecta PD	Urea 40%
Uramaxin GT 45%	Urea 40%
Uramaxin GT Kit	Urea 40%
Urevaz 44% Cream	Urea 40% cream
Utibron Neohaler	Anoro Ellipta, Bevespi Aerosphere
Utopic (Urea) 41%	Urea 40%
Vagifem (brand only)	Estradiol vaginal tablet (Yuvaferm (generic Vagifem))
Valcyte (brand only)	Valganciclovir (generic Valcyte)
**Valium (brand only)	Diazepam (generic Valium)
**Valtrex (brand only)	Valacyclovir (generic Valtrex)
Vanos	Fluocinonide cream (generic Lidex)

Medication/Drug	Formulary Alternative(s)
Vaseretic (brand only)	Enalapril/hydrochlorothiazide (generic Vaseretic)
Vasotec (brand only)	Enalapril (generic Vasotec)
Veltin	Clindamycin gel, solution or lotion (generic Cleocin) + tretinoin cream
Venlafaxine ER Tablet	Venlafaxine extended-release capsule (Effexor XR)
Veramyst	<b>Must try two:</b> Flunisolide (generic Nasarel), fluticasone (generic Flonase), Zetonna, Nasacort OTC
Verdeso	Desonide lotion (generic Desowen), Desowen
Versacloz	Clozapine (generic Clozaril), clozapine orally disintegrating tablet (generic Fazaclo)
*Vesicare	<b>Must try:</b> Toviaz <b>And one of the following:</b> Oxytrol OTC, oxybutynin (generic Ditropan), oxybutynin extended-release (generic Ditropan XL)
Viagra (brand only)	Sildenafil (generic Viagra)
Vicodin 5/300mg	Hydrocodone/acetaminophen 5/325mg (generic Norco)
Vicodin ES 7.5/300mg	Hydrocodone/acetaminophen 7.5/325mg (generic Norco)
Vicodin HP 10/300mg	Hydrocodone/acetaminophen 10/325mg (generic Norco)
Vigamox (brand only)	Moxifloxacin ophthalmic solution (generic Viagamox)
Viramune (brand only)	Nevirapine (generic Viramune)
Viramune XR 400mg (brand only)	Nevirapine (generic Viramune)
Viread (brand only)	Tenofovir (generic Viread)
Vituz	Hydrocodone-Chlorpheniramine (10-8MG/5ML)
Vivlodex	Meloxicam (generic Mobic)
Vogelxo	Minimum 4 week trial of Testim
Vusion	<b>Must try both:</b> Nystatin cream (generic Mycostatin), OTC miconazole cream
Vytone	Iodoquinol/hydrocortisone 1% cream, Dermazene cream
Vytorin (brand only)	Simvastatin/ezetimibe (generic Vytorin)
Wellbutrin (brand only)	Bupropion (generic Wellbutrin)
**Wellbutrin SR	Bupropion extended-release (generic Wellbutrin SR)
**Wellbutrin XL	Bupropion extended-release (generic Wellbutrin XL)(trial must be in 2014 or later)
*Xanax (brand only)	<b>Must try:</b> Alprazolam (generic Xanax) <b>And one of the following:</b> Clonazepam (generic Klonopin), diazepam (generic Valium), lorazepam (generic Ativan)
**Xanax XR (brand only)	<b>Must try:</b> Alprazolam (generic Xanax) <b>And one of the following:</b> Clonazepam (generic Klonopin), diazepam (generic Valium), lorazepam (generic Ativan)
Xartemis XR 7.5/325mg	Oxycodone/acetaminophen (generic Percocet)
Xenazine (brand only)	Tetrabenazine (generic Xenazine)
Xepi	Mupirocin cream/ointment (generic Bactroban), Altabax
Xerese	Acyclovir capsule/tablet (generic Zovirax), famciclovir tablet (generic Famvir), valacyclovir tablet (generic Valtrex), OTC Abreva
Xhance	Fluticasone (generic Flonase)
Ximino	Minocycline immediate-release capsules (generic Minocin)
Xodol 10/300 (brand and generic)	Hydrocodone/acetaminophen 10/325mg (generic Norco)
Xodol 5/300 (brand and generic)	Hydrocodone/acetaminophen 5/325mg (generic Norco)
Xodol 7.5/300 (brand and generic)	Hydrocodone/acetaminophen 7.5/325mg (generic Norco)
Xofluza	Oseltamivir (generic Tamiflu)
Xopenex Nebules	Albuterol nebulized solution (generic Proventil Inhalation Solution)

Medication/Drug	Formulary Alternative(s)
Xultophy	Soliqua
Xyosted	Testosterone injection, Testim
Yonsa	Zytiga
Zavesca (brand only)	Miglustat (generic Zavesca)
Zecuity 6.5mg/4 Hr Patch	Sumatriptan injection, nasal spray, tablets (generic Imitrex)
Zembrace SymTouch	Sumatriptan injection, (generic Imitrex)
Zenzedi	Dextroamphetamine (generic Dexedrine)
Zestoretic (brand only)	Lisinopril/hydrochlorothiazide (generic Zestoretic)
Zestril (brand only)	Lisinopril (generic Zestril)
Zetia (brand only)	Ezetimibe tablet (generic Zetia)
Ziana	Clindamycin gel, solution or lotion (generic Cleocin) + tretinoin cream
Zipsor 25mg	Diclofenac potassium (generic Cataflam) or diclofenac sodium (generic Voltaren)
ZTLido	Lidocaine patch (generic Lidoderm)
Zodex 6 & 12-Day Pack	Dexamethasone
**Zoloft	<b>Must try:</b> Sertraline (generic Zoloft) <b>And one of the following:</b> Paroxetine (generic Paxil), fluoxetine (generic Prozac), citalopram (generic Celexa), escitalopram (generic Lexapro)
Zomacton	Nutropin AQ Nutropin AQ NuSpin
Zonacort	Dexamethasone
Zonatuss	Benzonatate (generic Tessalon Perles)
Zorvolex	Diclofenac (generic Cataflam, Voltaren)
*Zovirax Cream	<b>Must try two:</b> Acyclovir capsule/tablet (generic Zovirax), famciclovir tablet (generic Famvir), valacyclovir tablet (generic Valtrex), OTC Abreva
Zuplenz	Ondansetron tablet (generic Zofran) , ondansetron ODT (generic Zofran ODT)
Zutripro (brand only)	Chlorpheniramine/hydrocodone/pseudoephedrine (generic Zutripro)
Zyclara	Imiquimod 5% cream
Zypitamag	Atorvastatin (generic Lipitor), lovastatin (generic Mevacor), pravastatin (generic Pravachol), rosuvastatin (generic Crestor), simvastatin (generic Zocor)
Zyprexa (brand only)	Olanzapine (generic Zyprexa)
Zyprexa Zydis (brand only)	Olanzapine orally disintegrating tablet (generic Zyprexa Zydis)
Zyvox (brand only)	Linezolid (generic Zyvox)

## DEFINITIONS

For all of the definitions below, copayment/cost share will vary based on the member's plan design. Refer to the member specific benefit plan document, as applicable.

**Mail Order Pharmacy:** A network pharmacy contracted to provide up to a 90-day supply of certain prescription medications (new or refill) by mail.

**Retail Pharmacy:** A network Non-Mail Order Pharmacy contracted to provide prescription medications (new or refill).  
**Note:** For members enrolled on NY LOBs new and renewing on or after 01/12/12, if a Retail Pharmacy has contracted with the PBM, in advance, for the same rates and terms and conditions as the Mail Order or Specialty Pharmacy, covered prescriptions will be available at the same co-payment or other reimbursement level that would apply to the Mail-Order or Non-Retail Specialty Pharmacies (should any of these pharmacies be available in the service area).

**Specialty Pharmacy:** A network pharmacy contracted to provide coverage for specialty medications at an in-network benefit level for members enrolled on NY and NJ LOBs.

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## POLICY HISTORY/REVISION INFORMATION

Date	Action/Description
01/01/2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revised list of medications requiring precertification through the pharmacy benefit manager (PBM):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Added Admelog, Admelog Solostar, Apidra, Apidra Solostar, Arakoda, Copaxone (brand only), Cordran 0.025% cream, Dupixent, Fiasp/Fiasp FlexTouch, Hydrocodone/Guaifenesin Solution 2.5/200 mg/5 mL, Inveltys, Lactulose Oral Crystal Packet (generic Kristalose), Lexette 0.05%, Mesalamine Suppository (generic Canasa), Nalfon 600 mg Tablet, Novolin 70/30, Novolin 70/30 Relion, Novolin N, Novolin N Relion, Novolin R, Novolin R Relion, Novolin FlexPen 70/30, Novolog, Novolog FlexPen, Novolog Penfill, Novolog Mix 70/30, Novolog Mix 70/30 Prefilled FlexPen, Renvela Tablets (brand only), Ryclora, Sabril Powder Pack (brand only), Sympazan, Tadalafil (generic Cialis), Talzenna, Xofluza, Xyosted, and Zavesca (brand only)</li><li>○ Removed Clenpiq, Orilissa, Segluromet, Symproic, Trelegy Ellipta, and Vyzulta</li><li>○ Replaced "Decadron" with "Decadron Tablets (brand only)"</li><li>○ Updated formulary alternatives for Glatopa (Glatiramer generic Copaxone)</li></ul></li><li>• Archived previous policy version PHARMACY 179.113 T2</li></ul>