

Effective Generic Medications

for Common Medical Conditions for Medicare Members

The following is a list of generic and brand-name medications for common medical conditions to allow you to identify generic alternatives that you can ask your doctor about. Please refer to the Providence Medicare Advantage Plans Formulary for a complete list of covered medications. By choosing to use a generic medication when possible, you can save money. It's important to know that generic drugs are the equivalent to their brand-name counterparts in safety, quality and performance, and are usually subject to a lower copayment or coinsurance. Please note the following:

- (PA) indicates prior authorization is required.
- (ST) indicates step therapy is required.

ALLERGIES

Effective Generic Options

Azelastine (Astelin®)
Fluticasone Propionate (Flonase®)

Expensive Brand Choices

Nasacort AQ® (PA)‡
Nasonex®
Rhinocort Aqua® (PA)‡

ANXIETY/DEPRESSION

Effective Generic Options

Bupropion SR, XL (Wellbutrin SR®, XL®)
Citalopram (Celexa®)
Fluoxetine (Prozac®)
Mirtazapine (Remeron®)
Paroxetine (Paxil IR®)
Sertraline (Zoloft®)
Venlafaxine ER (Effexor ER®)

Expensive Brand Choices

Cymbalta® (PA)
Effexor XR®
Lexapro® (ST)

ARTHRITIS/ INFLAMMATORY PAIN

Effective Generic Options

Diclofenac (Voltaren®)
Diclofenac Gel (Voltaren Gel®)
Etodolac (Lodine®)
Ibuprofen (Motrin®)
Meloxicam (Mobic®)
Nabumetone (Relafen®)
Naproxen (Anaprox®)
Sulindac (Clinoril®)

Expensive Brand Choice

Celebrex® (PA)

BENIGN PROSTATE HYPERTROPHY

Effective Generic Options

Finasteride (Proscar®)
Prazosin (Minipress®)
Tamsulosin (Flomax®)
Terazosin (Hytrin®)

Expensive Brand Choice

Cardura XL® (PA)‡
Rapaflo® (PA)‡

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CHOLESTEROL

Effective Generic Options

Lovastatin (Mevacor®)
Pravastatin (Pravachol®)
Simvastatin (Zocor®)

Expensive Brand Choices

Crestor® (PA)‡
Lescol XL® (PA)‡
Lipitor® (ST)*
Vytorin® (PA)‡
Zetia® (ST)

DIABETES

Insulin (no generic available)

Brand Choices

Humulin®/Novolin® R
Humulin®/Novolin® N, L
Humulin®/Novolin® 70/30
Humalog®/Novolog®
Lantus®

Oral Agents

Effective Generic Options

Acarbose (Precose®)
Glimepiride (Amaryl®)
Glipizide, XL (Glucotrol®, XL®)
Glyburide (Diabeta®)
Metformin, ER (Glucophage®, XR®)

Expensive Brand Choices

Actos®
Janumet® (PA)
Januvia® (PA)
Byetta® (PA)
Onglyza® (PA)

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE/HEART

Beta Blockers

Effective Generic Options

Acebutolol (Sectral®)
Atenolol (Tenormin®)
Carvedilol (Coreg®)
Metoprolol Succinate (Toprol XL®)
Metoprolol Tartrate (Lopressor®)

Expensive Brand Choice

Coreg CR®
Bystolic® (PA)‡

Calcium Channel Blockers

Effective Generic Options

Amlodipine (Norvasc®)
Cartia XT (Cardizem CD®)
Diltiazem ER (Dilacor XR®)
Felodipine (Plendil®)
Verapamil (Calan®)

ACE Inhibitors / Angiotension Receptor Blockers

Effective Generic Options

Benazepril (Lotensin®)
Enalapril (Vasotec®)
Fosinopril (Monopril®)
Lisinopril (Zestril®)
Losartan (Cozaar®)
Moexipril (Univasc®)
Ramipril (Altace®)

Expensive Brand Choices

Diovan®
Mavik® (PA)‡

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HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE/HEART (cont.)

Diuretic

Effective Generic Options

Chlorthalidone (Hygroton®)
Furosemide (Lasix®)
Hydrochlorothiazide (Oretic®)
Torsemide (Demadex®)

Combination Medications

Effective Generic Options+

Atenolol/chlor (Tenoretic®)
Bisoprolol/HCT (Ziac®)
Lisinopril/HCT (Zestoretic®)
Losartan/HCTZ (Hyzaar®)
Metoprolol/HCT (Lopressor HCT®)
Spirono/HCT (Aldactazide®)

Expensive Brand Choices

Diovan/HCT® (ST)
Lotrel®

INFECTIONS

Effective Generic Options

AMOX/CLAV (Augmentin®, Augmentin ES®)
Amoxicillin (Amoxil®)
Azithromycin (Zithromax®)
Cefaclor (Ceclor®)
Cefadroxil (Duricef®)
Cefpodoxime Proxetil (Vantin®)
Cephalexin (Keflex®)
Ciprofloxacin (Cipro®)
Clarithromycin (Biaxin®)
Dicloxacillin (Pathocil®)
Doxycycline (Vibramycin®)
Erythromycin (Ery-Tab®)
Penicillin (Pen-Vee K®)
SMZ-TMP (Septra DS®)

Expensive Brand Choices

Avelox®
Levaquin®
Omnicef®‡

INSOMNIA

Effective Generic Options

Trazodone (Desyrel®)
Zaleplon (Sonata®)
Zolpidem (Ambien®)
Zolpidem CR (Ambien CR®)(PA)‡

Expensive Brand Choices

Lunesta® (PA)
Rozerem® (PA)

MIGRAINE PAIN

Migraine relief

Effective Generic Options

Ergotamine/Caffeine (Cafergot®)
Sumatriptan (Imitrex®)

Expensive Brand Choices

Maxalt® (ST)
Zomig® (ST)
Migrainal®

Migraine prevention

Effective Generic Options

Amitriptyline (Elavil®)
Metoprolol (Lopressor®)

NERVE PAIN

Effective Generic Options

Amitriptyline (Elavil®)
Carbamazepine (Tegretol®)
Desipramine (Norpramin®)
Gabapentin (Neurontin®)
Nortriptyline (Pamelor®)
Tramadol (Ultram®)

Expensive Brand Choices

Cymbalta® (PA)
Lyrica® (PA)
Savella (PA)

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SEVERE PAIN

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Codeine/APAP (Tylenol #3®)
Hydrocodone/APAP (Vicodin®)
Hydromorphone (Dilaudid®)
Morphine IR
Oxycodone (Roxicodone®)
Oxycodone/APAP (Percocet®)
Tramadol (Ultram®)

Long-acting

Effective Generic Options

Fentanyl Patch (Duragesic®)
Methadone (Dolophine®)
Morphine SR (Oramorph SR®)

Expensive Brand Choices

Avinza® (PA)‡
Oxycontin® (PA)

SKIN RASHES

Effective Generic Options

Low potency

Hydrocortisone 2.5%
Triamcinolone Acetonide (Aristocort®) 0.025%

Medium potency

Betamethasone Valerate (Beta-Val®) 0.1%
Triamcinolone Acetonide (Aristocort A®) 0.1%

High potency

Betamethasone Dipropionate (Diprolene®) 0.05%
Triamcinolone Acetonide (Aristocort A®) 0.5%

Expensive Brand Choices

Elidel® (PA)
Protopic® (PA)

STOMACH ACID SUPPRESSION

Effective Generic Options

Lansoprazole (Prevacid®)
Omeprazole (Prilosec®)
Pantoprazole (Protonix®)
Ranitidine (Zantac®)

Expensive Brand Choices

AcipHex® (PA)‡
Nexium® (PA)‡

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You may be able to get extra help to pay for your prescription drug premiums and costs. To see if you qualify for getting extra help, call:

- 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day/7days a week;
- The Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. TTY users should call, 1-800-325-0778; or
- Your State Medicaid Office.