

2007 EMPIRE PLAN PREFERRED DRUG LIST

Administered by Empire BlueCross BlueShield

The following is a list of the most commonly prescribed generic and brand-name drugs included on the 2007 Empire Plan Preferred Drug List. **This is not a complete list of all prescription drugs on the preferred drug list or covered under the Empire Plan.** This list is subject to change due to FDA approval of new brand and generic drugs and product availability. For specific questions about your prescriptions, coverage and copayments, please call The Empire Plan toll free at 1-877-7-NYSHIP (1-877-769-7447) and select The Empire Plan Prescription Drug Program.

For the enrollee: Enrollees are encouraged to ask their doctors to prescribe generic versions of brand-name drugs whenever appropriate, as this will result in a lower copayment. Generic medications contain the same active ingredients as their corresponding brand-name medications, although they may look different in color or shape. They have been FDA-approved under strict standards.

For the physician: Please prescribe generic and preferred products when medically appropriate for your patients.

CARDIOVASCULAR

Antiarrhythmics

digoxin
disopyramide extended-release
mexiletine
procainamide
quinidine gluconate
extended-release
quinidine sulfate
extended-release
Norpace CR (g)*

ARB/Heart Failure

Atacand/Atacand HCT

Blood Modifiers

aminocaproic acid
anagrelide
dipyridamole
ticlopidine
warfarin
Mephyton
Plavix

Blood Pressure Lowering

atenolol
atenolol/chlorthalidone
bisoprolol/hydrochlorothiazide
captopril
captopril/hydrochlorothiazide
diltiazem
diltiazem extended-release
enalapril
enalapril/hydrochlorothiazide

fosinopril
furosemide
indapamide
labetalol
lisinopril
lisinopril/hydrochlorothiazide
metoprolol
nadolol
nifedipine extended-release
pindolol
propranolol
quinapril
quinapril/hydrochlorothiazide
triamterene/hydrochlorothiazide
verapamil
verapamil extended-release
Altace
Avalide
Avapro
Caduet
Coreg*
Cozaar
Hyzaar
Inderal LA
Innopran XL
Lotrel*
Norvasc*
Toprol-XL*

Cholesterol Lowering

cholestyramine
fenofibrate
gemfibrozil

lovastatin
pravastatin (generic Pravachol)
simvastatin (generic Zocor)
Caduet
Lipitor
Niaspan
Tricor
Vytorin
Welchol
Zetia

Nitrates

isosorbide dinitrate
Nitro-Bid

Pulmonary Artery

Hypertension Agents

Flofan (PA)
Revatio (PA)
Tracleer (PA)
Ventavis (PA)

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

Alzheimer's Disease

Aricept
Namenda

Multiple Sclerosis

Avonex (PA)
Betaseron (PA)
Copaxone (PA)
Rebif (PA)

Nausea/Vomiting

prochlorperazine
trimethobenzamide
Emend
Kytril*
Zofran*

Parkinson's Disease

amantadine
benztropine
carbidopa/levodopa
trihexyphenidyl
Akineton
Apokyn
Mirapex

Seizure Disorder

carbamazepine
clonazepam
ethosuximide
gabapentin
lamotrigine
phenobarbital
phenytoin sodium extended
Depakote
Depakote ER
Dilantin (g)
Felbatol
Gabitril
Keppra
Lamictal (g)*
Lyrica
Tegretol-XR
Topamax
Trileptal*

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DERMATOLOGY/ SKIN DISORDER

benzoyl peroxide/erythromycin
betamethasone dipropionate
clindamycin solution
clobetasol propionate
desoximetasone
erythromycin solution
fluocinolone acetonide
hydrocortisone cream,
ointment 2.5%
hydrocortisone lotion 1%, 2.5%
hydrocortisone valerate
podofilox topical solution
sulfacetamide sodium/sulfur
tretinoin (PA)
triamcinolone acetonide
Benzamycin Pak
Condylox (g)*
Cordran, Cordran SP
Dovonex
Duac
Elidel
Eurax
Halog
Kenalog (g)*
Locoid (g)*
Noritate
Protopic

DIABETES

glimepiride
glipizide extended-release
glyburide
glyburide/metformin
glyburide, micronized
metformin
metformin extended-release
Actos
ActoPlus Met
Avandamet
Avandaryl
Avandia
Byetta
Exubera
Humalog
Humulin Insulins
Lantus
Levemir
Novolin Insulins
Novolog
Prandin

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Precose
Starlix
Symlin

GASTROINTESTINAL

GERD/Peptic Ulcer

metoclopramide
omeprazole
Helidac
Nexium
Prevacid

Gastrointestinal Spasm

chlordiazepoxide/clidinium
dicyclomine
hyoscyamine sulfate
hyoscyamine sulfate
extended-release

Pancreatic Enzymes

Creon
Pancrease MT
Viokase

Ulcerative Colitis

mesalamine rectal suspension
sulfasalazine
Asacol
Dipentum
Entocort EC
Pentasa

GROWTH HORMONES

Genotropin (PA)
Humatrope (PA)
Norditropin (PA)
Nutropin (PA)
Nutropin AQ (PA)
Serostim (PA)

INFECTION

Antibiotics-Oral

amoxicillin
amoxicillin/clavulanate
ampicillin
azithromycin tablets, susp
(generic Zithromax)
cefaclor
cefprozil
cefuroxime
cephalexin
clarithromycin
clindamycin
ciprofloxacin
dicloxacillin
doxycycline hyclate

erythromycin
erythromycin ethylsuccinate
erythromycin stearate
erythromycin/sulfisoxazole
metronidazole
nitrofurantoin extended-release
penicillin VK
sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim
tetracycline
Augmentin (g)*
Avelox
Furadantin
Gantrisin
Ketek
Levaquin
Omnicef*

Antifungal Drugs-Oral

fluconazole
ketoconazole
nystatin
Lamisil (PA)*

Antifungal Drugs-Topical

ciclopirox
clotrimazole
clotrimazole/betamethasone
nystatin/triamcinolone
Loprox (g)*
Naftin
Penlac

Antiviral Drugs

acyclovir oral
amantadine
rimantadine
Flumadine (g)*
Tamiflu
Valtrex

Hepatitis

ribavirin
Baraclude
Epivir-HBV
Hepsera
Infergen (PA)
Intron-A (PA)
Pegasys (PA)
Peg-Intron (PA)

MIGRAINE HEADACHE

butalbital/acetaminophen/
caffeine
butalbital/aspirin/caffeine
dihydroergotamine
ergotamine/caffeine
propranolol

Imitrex*
Maxalt
Zomig

MUSCLE RELAXANTS

cyclobenzaprine
diazepam
methocarbamol
Skelaxin

OPHTHALMIC (EYE)

Glaucoma

acetazolamide
betaxolol
brimonidine
dipivefrin
pilocarpine
timolol maleate
Alphagan P
Betoptic S
Diamox Sequels
Phospholine Iodide
Travatan
Trusopt
Xalatan

Other Eye Medications

ciprofloxacin
cyclopentolate hcl
ketotifen (generic Zaditor)
ofloxacin
prednisolone acetate 1%
prednisolone sodium phosphate
tobramycin
Acular
Alomide
Blephamide
Cyclogyl (g)*
Flarex
FML-S, FML Forte, FML S.O.P.
Poly-Pred
Pred-G
Pred Mild
Restasis
Tobradex
Vexol
Vigamox
Voltaren

OTIC (EAR)

Ciprodex
Floxin Otic

PAIN/ARTHRITIS

acetaminophen w/codeine #2, 3, 4
diclofenac sodium
 delayed-release
etodolac
fentanyl transdermal
hydrocodone/acetaminophen
ibuprofen
leflunomide
meloxicam (generic Mobic)
nabumetone
naproxen
naproxen sodium
oxycodone extended-release
propoxyphene compound
Avinza
Celebrex
Enbrel (PA)
Humira (PA)
Orencia (PA)

PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC AGENTS

Anxiety, Insomnia and Sedative Agents

alprazolam
buspirone
chloral hydrate
clorazepate
diazepam
flurazepam
lorazepam
oxazepam
paroxetine hcl
sertraline (generic Zoloft)
temazepam
triazolam
venlafaxine (generic Effexor)
Effexor XR
Paxil CR
Sonata

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

amphetamine/dextroamphetamine
 mixed salts
dextroamphetamine extended-
 release, immediate-release
methylphenidate extended-
 release, immediate-release
Concerta*
Strattera

Depression

amitriptyline
amoxapine
bupropion
bupropion sr
citalopram
desipramine
doxepin
fluoxetine
fluvoxamine
imipramine hcl
maprotiline
nortriptyline
paroxetine hcl
sertraline (generic Zoloft)
tranylcypromine
 (generic Parnate)
trazodone
venlafaxine (generic Effexor)
Effexor XR
Lexapro
Nardil
Paxil CR
Wellbutrin XL*

Psychosis

clozapine
haloperidol
loxapine
perphenazine
thioridazine
Geodon*
Moban
Risperdal*
Seroquel
Zyprexa

RESPIRATORY

Allergy-Antihistamines

diphenhydramine 50 mg
fexofenadine
Zyrtec*

Allergy-Antihistamines/

Decongestants
pseudoephedrine/
 chlorpheniramine maleate
Allegra-D*
Zyrtec-D

Allergy-Nasal Antihistamines

Astelin

Allergy-Nasal Corticosteroids

fluticasone (generic Flonase)
Nasacort AQ
Nasonex

Asthma-Inhaled Drugs

albuterol
Advair
Asmanex
Atrovent Inhaler (g)*
Azmacort
Combivent
Duoneb
Flovent
Intal (g)*
Proventil HFA
Serevent
Spiriva

Asthma-Oral Drugs

albuterol
prednisolone sodium phosphate
terbutaline
theophylline extended-release
 tablets
Singulair

THYROID REPLACEMENT

levothyroxine
Cytomel

URINARY TRACT

Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH)

doxazosin
finasteride (generic Proscar)
Avodart
Flomax

Erectile Dysfunction

Levitra
Viagra

Miscellaneous

Anticholinergics/
Antispasmodics
hyoscyamine sulfate
hyoscyamine sulfate
 extended-release
oxybutynin
Detrol
Detrol LA
Ditropan XL*
Oxytrol

WEIGHT LOSS

phentermine (PA)
Meridia (PA)
Xenical (PA)

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Contraceptives

aviane
kariva
microgestin fe
trinessa
tri-sprintec
Estrostep FE
NuvaRing
Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo
Plan B
Seasonique
Yasmin

Hormone Therapy-Oral

estropipate
medroxyprogesterone acetate
Cenestin
Femhrt
Premarin
Premphase
Prempro

Hormone Therapy-Patches

estradiol
Alora
Combipatch
Estraderm
Vivelle, Vivelle-Dot

Hormone Therapy-Miscellaneous

Estring
Femring
Vagifem

Infertility

clomiphene
Cetrotide
Follistim AQ
Gonal-F RFF
Menopur
Ovidrel

Osteoporosis

Actonel
Actonel with Calcium
Evista
Forteo (PA)
Fosamax
Fosamax Plus D

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Examples of Non-Preferred Brand-Name Drugs with 2007 Empire Plan Preferred Drug List Alternatives

Non-Preferred Drugs	Empire Plan Preferred Drug List Alternatives
Aciphex	omeprazole Nexium, Prevacid
Adderall XR	amphetamine salt combo., methylphenidate (IR), methylphenidate (SR), dextroamphetamine (IR), dextroamphetamine (SR) Concerta*, Strattera
Ambien*, Ambien CR	Sonata
Benicar	Atacand, Avapro, Cozaar
Benicar HCT	Atacand HCT, Avalide, Hyzaar
Benzaclin	Duac
Biaxin, Biaxin XL	azithromycin tablets and suspension (generic Zithromax), clarithromycin, erythromycin
Boniva	Actonel, Fosamax
Cialis	Levitra, Viagra
Clarinet	fexofenadine Zyrtec*
Clarinet-D	Allegra-D*, Zyrtec-D
Crestor	lovastatin, pravastatin (generic Pravachol), simvastatin (generic Zocor) Lipitor
Cymbalta	venlafaxine (generic Effexor) Effexor XR
Diovan	Atacand, Avapro, Cozaar
Diovan HCT	Atacand HCT, Avalide, Hyzaar
Lunesta	Sonata
Mobic	meloxicam (generic Mobic)
Patanol	ketotifen (generic Zaditor) Alomide
Protonix	omeprazole Nexium, Prevacid
Provigil	amphetamine salt combo., methylphenidate (IR), methylphenidate (SR), dextroamphetamine (IR), dextroamphetamine (SR) Concerta*
Rhinocort Aqua Nasal Spray	fluticasone nasal spray (generic Flonase) Nasacort-AQ, Nasonex
Synthroid	levothyroxine sodium
Xopenex Inhalation Solution, HFA	albuterol inhalation solution Proventil HFA
Zithromax	azithromycin tablets and suspension (generic Zithromax)
Zocor	lovastatin, pravastatin (generic Pravachol), simvastatin (generic Zocor) Lipitor
Zoloft	citalopram, fluoxetine, paroxetine, sertraline (generic Zoloft) Lexapro, Paxil CR
Zymar ophthalmic solution	ciprofloxacin ophthalmic solution

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