

2008 EMPIRE PLAN PREFERRED DRUG LIST

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The following is a list of the most commonly prescribed generic and brand-name drugs included on the 2008 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

amiodarone
disopyramide
mexiletine
procainamide
quinidine gluconate
quinidine sulfate
sotalol

Blood Modifiers

ticlopidine
warfarin
Arixtra
Lovenox
Plavix

Blood Pressure Lowering

amlodipine (generic Norvasc)
amlodipine and benazepril (generic Lotrel)
atenolol
atenolol with chlorthalidone
benazepril
benazepril with hydrochlorothiazide
bisoprolol with hydrochlorothiazide
captopril
captopril with hydrochlorothiazide
clonidine
diltiazem (all formulations)
enalapril
enalapril with hydrochlorothiazide
felodipine (generic Plendil)
fosinopril
fosinopril with hydrochlorothiazide

furosemide
guanfacine
hydrochlorothiazide
indapamide
isradipine
labetalol
lisinopril
lisinopril with hydrochlorothiazide
metoprolol
metoprolol succinate sustained release (generic Toprol XL)
moexipril
nadolol
nadolol with bendroflumethiazide
nifedipine (all formulations)
prazosin
propranolol sustained action capsule
propranolol tablet
quinapril
quinapril with hydrochlorothiazide
spironolactone
spironolactone with hydrochlorothiazide
torsemide
trandolapril
triamterene with hydrochlorothiazide
verapamil
verapamil sustained release
Aceon
Altace*
Benicar
Benicar HCT
Cardizem LA*
Catapres-TTS

Cozaar
Diovan
Diovan HCT
Hyzaar
Innopran XL
Micardis
Micardis HCT
Sular

Cholesterol Lowering

cholestyramine
colestipol
fenofibrate
gemfibrozil
lovastatin
pravastatin (generic Pravachol)
simvastatin (generic Zocor)
Advicor
Altoprev
Antara
Crestor
Lipitor
Lofibra Tablet
Niaspan
Tricor
Triglide
Vytorin
Welchol
Zetia

Heart Failure

carvedilol (generic Coreg)
digoxin
BiDil

Nitrates/Other Angina

isosorbide
Ranexa

Pulmonary Artery

Hypertension Agents
Revatio (PA)

Tracleer (PA)
Ventavis (PA)

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

Alzheimer's Disease

Aricept, Aricept ODT
Namenda

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Nausea/Vomiting

ondansetron (generic Zofran)
prochlorperazine
promethazine
Emend
Kytril*

Parkinson's Disease

amantadine
benztropine
carbidopa/levodopa
Akineton
Apokyn
Mirapex

Seizure Disorder

carbamazepine
clonazepam
gabapentin
lamotrigine dispersible tablet
oxcarbazepine
phenobarbital
phenytoin
primidone
Depakote*
Depakote ER*

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Dilantin (g)
Felbatol
Gabitril
Keppra
Lamictal (g)*
Lyrica
Tegretol-XR*
Topamax

DERMATOLOGY/ SKIN DISORDER

benzoyl peroxide/erythromycin
betamethasone dipropionate
chlorhexidine
clindamycin (all formulations)
clobetasol
erythromycin solution
fluocinonide
hydrocortisone
isotretinoin
metronidazole cream
podofilox topical
sulfacetamide/sulfur
tretinoin (PA)
triamcinolone
Condylox (g)*
Dovonex*
Duac
Protopic
Retin-A Micro Gel (PA)
Soriatane
Tazorac (PA)

DIABETES

glimepiride
glipizide
glipizide extended release
glipizide with metformin
glyburide
glyburide with metformin
glyburide, micronized
metformin
metformin extended release
Actoplus Met
Actos
Avandamet
Avandaryl
Avandia
Byetta
Duetact
Humalog
Humulin
Janumet
Januvia
Lantus
Levemir
Novolin
Novolog
Prandin
Precose*

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Starlix
Symlin

GASTROINTESTINAL

GERD/Peptic Ulcer
metoclopramide
misoprostol (generic Prilosec)
omeprazole (generic Prilosec)
ranitidine
sucralfate
Axid Oral Solution
Helidac
Nexium
Prevacid
Prevpac

Gastrointestinal-Other
chlordiazepoxide/clidinium
dicyclomine
hyoscyamine

Pancreatic Enzymes
Creon
Pancrease MT (g)*

Ulcerative Colitis
mesalamine enema
sulfasalazine
Asacol
Colazal
Dipentum
Entocort EC

GROWTH HORMONES

Humatrope (PA)
Norditropin (PA)
Nutropin (PA)
Serostim (PA)
Tev-Tropin (PA)

INFECTION

Antibiotics-Oral
amoxicillin
amoxicillin with potassium clavulanate (generic Augmentin)
ampicillin
azithromycin (generic Zithromax)
cefaclor
cefadroxil
cefdirin (generic Omnicef)
cefprozil
cefuroxime
cephalexin
ciprofloxacin
clarithromycin (generic Biaxin)
clindamycin capsule
doxycycline
erythromycin
metronidazole

minocycline
penicillin V potassium
sulfamethoxazole with trimethoprim
tetracycline
Biaxin XL*
Gantrisin
Levaquin

Antifungal Drugs-Oral
fluconazole
itraconazole (PA)
ketoconazole
nystatin
terbinafine (generic Lamisil) (PA)
Vfend

Antifungal Drugs-Topical
ciclopirox solution, non-oral
clotrimazole with betamethasone
nystatin
nystatin with triamcinolone
Naftin

Antiviral Drugs
acyclovir
amantadine
famciclovir
rimantadine
Tamiflu
Valtrex
Zovirax Ointment, Cream

Hepatitis
ribavirin
Baraclude
Hepsera*
Infergen (PA)
Intron-A (PA)
Pegasys (PA)
Peg-Intron (PA)
Roferon A (PA)
Tyzeka

MIGRAINE HEADACHE

butalbital/acetaminophen/
caffeine
butalbital/aspirin/caffeine
butorphanol nasal spray
ergotamine/caffeine
propranolol tablet
Frova
Imitrex*
Maxalt
Relpax
Zomig

MUSCLE RELAXANTS

carisoprodol
cyclobenzaprine
diazepam
methocarbamol

orphenadrine/orphenadrine
compound
Skelaxin

OPHTHALMIC (EYE)

Glaucoma
betaxolol
brimonidine
pilocarpine
timolol maleate
Alphagan P
Azopt
Betoptic S
Lumigan
Travatan/Travatan Z
Trusopt*

Other Eye Medications
ciprofloxacin drops
cromolyn sodium drops
cyclopentolate
flurbiprofen drops
ofloxacin drops
prednisolone drops
tobramycin drops
Elestat
Flarex
FML Forte/FML SOP
Optivar
Pred Mild
Restasis
Vexol
Voltaren Ophthalmic
Zylet

OTIC (EAR)

ofloxacin (generic Floxin)
Ciprodex

PAIN/ARTHRITIS

acetaminophen with codeine
acetaminophen with hydrocodone
diclofenac
etodolac
fentanyl citrate lollipop
fentanyl transdermal system
flurbiprofen
ibuprofen
ibuprofen with hydrocodone
indomethacin
ketoprofen
leflunomide
meloxicam (generic Mobic)
methotrexate
nabumetone
naproxen
oxaprozin
oxycodone with acetaminophen
oxycodone with aspirin
piroxicam

propoxyphene with acetaminophen
sulindac
tolmetin
tramadol
tramadol with acetaminophen
Celebrex
Enbrel (PA)
Humira (PA)
Oxycontin (g)*
Prevacid NapraPAC

PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC AGENTS

Anxiety, Insomnia and Sedative Agents

alprazolam/alprazolam extended release
buspirone
diazepam
flurazepam
lorazepam
temazepam
triazolam
zolpidem (generic Ambien)
Sonata*

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

amphetamine with dextroamphetamine salt combination
dextroamphetamine sustained release
methylphenidate
methylphenidate extended release
Adderall XR
Concerta*
Strattera

Depression

amitriptyline
bupropion
bupropion sustained action
bupropion sustained release 24 Hour 300mg
citalopram (generic Celexa)
desipramine
doxepin
fluoxetine (generic Prozac)
imipramine
mirtazapine
mirtazapine dispersible tablet
nortriptyline
paroxetine (generic Paxil)
sertraline (generic Zoloft)
tranylcypromine
trazodone
venlafaxine (generic Effexor)

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Effexor XR
Lexapro
Nardil
Wellbutrin XL (g)*

Psychosis

clozapine
haloperidol
Geodon*
Moban
Risperdal (except for M-Tab)*
Seroquel (except for XR)
Symbyax
Zyprexa (except for Zydys)

RESPIRATORY

Allergy-Antihistamines

fenofenadine (generic Allegra)
hydroxyzine
Zyrtec*

Allergy-Antihistamines/Decongestants

pseudoephedrine/
chlorpheniramine
Allegra-D (g)*
Zyrtec-D*

Allergy-Nasal Antihistamines

Astelin

Allergy-Nasal Corticosteroids

flunisolide nasal spray
fluticasone (generic Flonase)
Nasacort AQ
Nasonex

Allergy-Other

Epipen
Twinject

Asthma-Inhaled Drugs

albuterol inhalation solution
albuterol/ipratropium solution
cromolyn
ipratropium inhalation solution
Advair
Asmanex
Atrovent Inhaler (except for HFA)*
Combivent
Flovent
Foradil
Intal (g)*
Proventil HFA
Pulmicort Flexhaler*
Pulmicort Respules
QVAR
Serevent*
Spiriva
Tilade
Xopenex HFA

Asthma-Oral Drugs

albuterol
prednisolone
prednisone
terbutaline
theophylline
Singulair

THYROID REPLACEMENT

levothyroxine (generic Synthroid)
Cytomel

URINARY TRACT

Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH)

doxazosin
finasteride (generic Proscar)
terazosin
Avodart
Flomax

Erectile Dysfunction

Viagra

Miscellaneous

Anticholinergics/Antispasmodics-Other

desmopressin
oxybutynin/oxybutynin sustained release (generic Ditropan)
Detrol LA
Enblex
Oxytrol
Vesicare

WEIGHT LOSS

phentermine (PA)
Meridia (PA)

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Contraceptives

aviane
kariva
levonorgestrel-ethinyl estradiol tablet, dosepack, 3 month (generic Seasonale)
medroxyprogesterone 150mg/ml
microgestin fe
tri-sprintec
trinessa
NuvaRing
Yasmin
Yaz

Hormone Therapy-Oral

estropipate
medroxyprogesterone tablet
methyltestosterone with esterified estrogens

Activella
Cenestin
Enjuvia
Estratest
Estratest H.S.
Ortho-Prefest
Premarin
Premphase
Prempro
Prometrium

Hormone Therapy-Patches

estradiol patch
Combipatch
Esclim
Estraderm
Vivelle/Vivelle-Dot

Hormone Therapy-Miscellaneous

Estring
Vagifem

Infertility

clomiphene
leuprolide
Cetrotide
Follistim AQ
Gonal-F
Luveris
Ovidrel

Osteoporosis

etidronate disodium
Actonel*
Boniva
Evista
Forteo (PA)
Fosamax*
Fosamax Plus D*

Other Agents

clindamycin vaginal cream
metronidazole vaginal gel
prenatal vitamins (generic)
tamoxifen
terconazole
Clindesse
Precare

Non-Preferred Drugs

Abilify
 Aciphex
 Acular/Acular LS
 Alora
 Ambien
 Ambien CR
 Atacand
 Atacand HCT
 Atrovent HFA
 Avalide
 Avapro
 Avelox
 Azmacort
 Benzaclin
 Biaxin
 Caduet
 Cialis
 Clarinex
 Clarinex-D
 Coreg CR
 Cymbalta
 Differin (PA)
 Elidel
 Estrostep FE
 FemHRT
 Femring
 Finacea
 Genotropin (PA)
 Levitra
 Loprox
 Lunesta
 Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo
 Patanol
 Paxil CR

 Pentasa
 ProAir HFA
 Protonix
 Provigil (PA)

 Rhinocort Aqua
 Seasonique
 Synthroid
 Xalatan
 Xopenex Inhalation Solution
 Zymar

Empire Plan Preferred Drug List Alternatives

Geodon*, Risperdal (except for M-Tab)*, Seroquel (except for XR), Zyprexa (except for Zydis)
 omeprazole (generic Prilosec), Nexium, Prevacid
 flurbiprofen drops, Voltaren Ophthalmic
 estradiol patch, Esclim, Estraderm, Vivelle, Vivelle-Dot
 zolpidem (generic Ambien), temazepam, flurazepam, triazolam, Sonata*
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 Benicar, Cozaar, Diovan, Micardis
 Benicar HCT, Diovan HCT, Hyzaar, Micardis HCT
 Atrovent Inhaler*, Spiriva
 Benicar HCT, Diovan HCT, Hyzaar, Micardis HCT
 Benicar, Cozaar, Diovan, Micardis
 ciprofloxacin, ofloxacin, Levaquin
 Asmanex, Flovent, Pulmicort Flexhaler*, QVAR
 clindamycin, benzoyl peroxide/erythromycin, Duac
 azithromycin (generic Zithromax), clarithromycin (generic Biaxin)
 amlodipine (generic Norvasc) plus Lipitor
 Viagra
 fexofenadine (generic Allegra), Zyrtec*
 pseudoephedrine/chlorpheniramine, Allegra-D (g)*, Zyrtec-D*
 carvedilol (generic Coreg)
 venlafaxine (generic Effexor), Effexor XR
 tretinoin (PA), Retin-A Micro Gel (PA), Tazorac (PA)
 Protopic
 microgestin fe, junel fe
 Activella
 Estrin, Premarin Vaginal Cream
 Azelex
 Humatrope (PA), Norditropin (PA), Nutropin (PA), Tev-Tropin (PA)
 Viagra
 econazole, ketoconazole, nystatin, Naftin
 zolpidem (generic Ambien), temazepam, flurazepam, triazolam, Sonata*
 trinessa, tri-sprintec
 Elestat, Optivar
 citalopram (generic Celexa), fluoxetine (generic Prozac), sertraline (generic Zoloft),
 paroxetine (generic Paxil), Lexapro
 Asacol
 albuterol, Proventil HFA, Xopenex HFA
 omeprazole (generic Prilosec), Nexium, Prevacid
 amphetamine with dextroamphetamine salt combination,
 dextroamphetamine, methylphenidate, Adderall XR, Concerta
 fluticasone (generic Flonase), flunisolide, Nasacort AQ, Nasonex
 levonorgestrel-ethinyl estradiol tablet, dosepack, 3 month (generic Seasonale)
 levothyroxine
 Lumigan, Travatan, Travatan Z
 albuterol inhalation solution
 ofloxacin drops, ciprofloxacin drops

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