



THE EMPIRE PLAN

2009 EMPIRE PLAN FLEXIBLE FORMULARY

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The following is a list of the most commonly prescribed generic and brand-name drugs included on the 2009 Empire Plan Flexible Formulary. **This is not a complete list of all prescription drugs on the flexible formulary 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.*

A	amphetamine with dextroamphetamine salt combination	Betaseron (PA)	cephalexin
acarbose (generic Precose)	amoxicillin	betaxolol	Cetrotide
Aceon*	Antara	Betoptic S	chlorthalidone/clidinium
acetaminophen with codeine	Apokyn	BiDil	chlorhexidine
acetaminophen with hydrocodone	Aricept, Aricept ODT	bisoprolol with hydrochlorothiazide	cholestyramine
Aciphex	Arixtra	Boniva	ciclopirox solution, non-oral
Activella (g)*	Asacol	brimonidine	Ciprodex
Actonel*	Asmanex	bupropion	ciprofloxacin
Actoplus Met	Astelin	bupropion sustained action	ciprofloxacin drops
Actos	atenolol	bupropion sustained release 24 Hour	citalopram (generic Celexa)
acyclovir	atenolol with chlorthalidone	buspirone	clarithromycin (generic Biaxin)
Adderall XR	Avandamet	butalbital/acetaminophen/caffeine	clarithromycin extended release (generic Biaxin XL)
Advair	Avandaryl	butalbital/ibuprofen/paracetamol	clindamycin (all formulations)
Advicor	Avandia	butorphanol nasal spray	Clindesse
Akineton	aviane	Byetta	clobetasol
albuterol	Avonex (PA)		clomiphene
albuterol inhalation solution	Axid Oral Solution	C	clonazepam
albuterol/ipratropium solution	azithromycin (generic Zithromax)	captopril	clonidine
alendronate sodium tablet (generic Fosamax)	Azopt	captopril with hydrochlorothiazide	clotrimazole with betamethasone
Allegra-D (g)*	Azor	carbamazepine	clozapine
Alphagan P	B	carbidopa/levodopa	colestipol
alprazolam/alprazolam extended release	balsalazide disodium (generic Colasal)	Cardizem LA	Combigan
Altoprev	Baraclude	carisoprodol	Combivent
amantadine	benazepril	carvedilol (generic Coreg)	Condylox (g)*
amiodarone	benazepril with hydrochlorothiazide	Catapres-TTS	Copaxone (PA)
amitriptyline	Benicar	cefaclor	Cozaar
amlodipine (generic Norvasc)	Benicar HCT	cefadroxil	Creon
amlodipine and benazepril (generic Lotrel)	benzoyl peroxide/erythromycin	cefdinir (generic Omnicef)	Crestor
amoxicillin	benztropine	cefprozil	cromolyn
amoxicillin with potassium clavulanate (generic Augmentin)	betamethasone dipropionate	cefuroxime	cromolyn sodium drops
		Celebrex	cyclobenzaprine
		Cenestin	cyclopentolate
			Cytomel

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D

Depakote ER*
 desipramine
 desmopressin
 Detrol LA
 dextroamphetamine sustained
 release
 diazepam
 diclofenac
 diclofenac sodium drops
 (generic Voltaren Ophthalmic)
 dicyclomine
 digoxin
 Dilantin (g)
 diltiazem (all formulations)
 Diovan
 Diovan HCT
 Dipentum
 disopyramide
 divalproex sodium tablet
 (generic Depakote)
 Dovonex (g)*
 doxazosin
 doxepin
 doxycycline
 Duac
 Duetact

E

Effexor XR
 Elestat
 Emend
 Enblex
 enalapril
 enalapril with
 hydrochlorothiazide
 Enbrel (PA)
 Enjuvia
 Entocort EC
 Epipen
 ergotamine/cafeine
 erythromycin
 erythromycin solution
 Esclim
 Estrace Cream
 Estraderm
 estradiol patch
 Estring
 estropipate
 etidronate disodium
 etodolac
 Evista

F

famciclovir
 Felbatol
 felodipine (generic Plendil)
 fenofibrate
 Fenoglide
 fentanyl citrate lollipop
 fentanyl transdermal system
 fexofenadine (generic Allegra)
 finasteride (generic Proscar)
 Flarex
 Flomax
 Flovent
 fluconazole
 flunisolide nasal spray
 fluocinonide
 fluoxetine (generic Prozac)
 flurazepam
 flurbiprofen
 flurbiprofen drops
 fluticasone (generic Flonase)
 FML Forte/FML SOP
 Follistim AQ
 Foradil
 Forteo (PA)
 fosinopril
 fosinopril with
 hydrochlorothiazide
 Frova
 furosemide

G

Gantrisin
 gabapentin
 Gabitril
 gemfibrozil
 Geodon
 glimepiride
 glipizide
 glipizide extended release
 glipizide with metformin
 glyburide
 glyburide micronized
 glyburide with metformin
 Gonal-F
 granisetron (generic Kytril)
 guanfacine

H

haloperidol
 Helidac
 Hepsera
 Humalog
 Humira (PA)
 Humulin

hydrochlorothiazide
 hydrocortisone
 hydroxyzine
 hyoscyamine
 Hyzaar

I

ibuprofen
 ibuprofen with hydrocodone
 imipramine
 Imitrex*
 indapamide
 indomethacin
 Infergen (PA)
 Innopran XL
 Intal (g)*
 Intron-A (PA)
 ipratropium inhalation solution
 isosorbide
 isotretinoin
 isradipine
 itraconazole (PA)

J

Janumet
 Januvia

K

kariva
 Keppra*
 ketoconazole
 ketoprofen

L

labetalol
 lamotrigine
 Lantus
 leflunomide
 leuprolide
 Levaquin
 Levemir
 levonorgestrel-ethinyl estradiol
 tablet, dosepack, 3 month
 (generic Seasonale)
 levothyroxine (generic
 Synthroid)
 Lipitor
 Lipofen
 lisinopril
 lisinopril with
 hydrochlorothiazide
 Lofibra Tablet
 lorazepam
 lovastatin

Lovenox
 Lumigan
 Luveris
 Lyrica

M

Maxalt
 medroxyprogesterone 150mg/ml
 medroxyprogesterone tablet
 meloxicam (generic Mobic)
 Meridia (PA)
 mesalamine enema
 metformin
 metformin extended release
 methocarbamol
 methotrexate
 methylphenidate
 methylphenidate extended
 release
 methyltestosterone with
 esterified estrogens
 metoclopramide
 metoprolol
 metoprolol succinate sustained
 release (generic Toprol XL)
 metronidazole
 metronidazole cream
 metronidazole vaginal gel
 mexiletine
 Micardis
 Micardis HCT
 microgestin fe
 minocycline
 Mirapex
 mirtazapine
 mirtazapine dispersible tablet
 misoprostol
 Moban
 moexipril

N

nabumetone
 nadolol
 nadolol/bendroflumethiazide
 Naftin
 Namenda
 naproxen
 Nardil
 Nasonex
 Niaspan
 nifedipine (all formulations)
 nortriptyline
 Novolin
 Novolog

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Nutropin/Nutropin AQ (PA)
Nuvaring
nystatin
nystatin with triamcinolone

O

ocella (generic Yasmin)
ofloxacin (generic Floxin)
ofloxacin drops
omeprazole (generic Prilosec)
ondansetron (generic Zofran)
Optivar
orphenadrine/orphenadrine
compound
Ovidrel
oxaprozin
oxcarbazepine
oxybutynin/oxybutynin sustained
release (generic Ditropan)
oxycodone with acetaminophen
oxycodone with aspirin
Oxycontin
Oxytrol

P

Pancrease MT (g)*
pantoprazole
paroxetine (generic Paxil)
paroxetine sustained release
24 hour (generic Paxil CR)
Peg-Intron (PA)
Pegasys (PA)
penicillin V potassium
phenobarbital
phentermine (PA)
phenytoin
pilocarpine
piroxicam
Plavix
podofilox topical
Prandin*
pravastatin (generic Pravachol)
prazosin
Precare
Pred Mild
prednisolone
prednisolone drops
prednisone
Prefest
prenatal vitamins (generic)
Prevacid NapraPAC
Prevpac
primidone
prochlorperazine

promethazine
Prometrium
propoxyphene with
acetaminophen
propranolol sustained action
capsule
propranolol tablet
Protopic
Proventil HFA
Pulmicort Flexhaler*
Pulmicort Respules
Pylera

Q

quinapril
quinapril with
hydrochlorothiazide
quinidine gluconate
quinidine sulfate
QVAR

R

ramipril capsules (generic
Altace)
Ranexa
ranitidine
Rebif (PA)
Relpax
Restasis
Retin-A Micro Gel (PA)
Revatio (PA)
ribavirin
rimantadine
risperidone (generic Risperdal)
Roferon A (PA)

S

Saizen (PA)
Serevent*
Seroquel (except for XR)
Serostim (PA)
sertraline (generic Zoloft)
Simcor
simvastatin (generic Zocor)
Singulair
Skelaxin
Soriatane
sotalol
Spiriva
spironolactone
spironolactone with
hydrochlorothiazide
Starlix
sucralfate

Sular (g)*
sulfacetamide/sulfur
sulfamethoxazole with
trimethoprim
sulfasalazine
sulindac
Symbyax
Symlin

T

Tamiflu
tamoxifen
Tazorac (PA)
Tegretol XR
temazepam
terazosin
terbinafine (generic Lamisil) (PA)
terbutaline
terconazole
tetracycline
Tev-Tropin (PA)
theophylline
ticlopidine
Tilade
timolol maleate
tobramycin drops
tolmetin
Topamax*
torsemide
Tracleer (PA)
tramadol
tramadol with acetaminophen
trandolapril
tranylcypromine
Travatan/Travatan Z
trazodone
tretinoin (PA)
tri-sprintec
triamcinolone
triamterene with
hydrochlorothiazide
triazolam
Tricor
Triglide
trinessa
Trusopt*
Twinject
Tyzeka

V

Vagifem
Valtrex*
venlafaxine (generic Effexor)
Ventavis (PA)

verapamil
verapamil sustained release
Vesicare
Vexol
Vfend
Viagra
Vivelle/Vivelle Dot
Vytorin
Vyvanse

W

warfarin
Welchol

X

Xopenex HFA

Y

Yaz

Z

zaleplon (generic Sonata)
Zegerid
zolpidem (generic Ambien)
Zomig
Zorbtive (PA)
Zovirax Ointment, Cream
Zylet
Zyprexa (except for Zydis)

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Non-Preferred and Excluded Brand-Name Drugs with 2009 Empire Plan Flexible Formulary Alternatives

Non-Preferred Drugs	Empire Plan Flexible Formulary Alternatives
Abilify	risperidone (generic Risperdal), Geodon, Seroquel (except for XR), Zyprexa (except for Zydis)
Ambien CR*	zaleplon (generic Sonata), zolpidem (generic Ambien)
Atacand	Benicar, Cozaar, Diovan, Micardis
Atacand HCT	Benicar HCT, Diovan HCT, Hyzaar, Micardis HCT
Avalide	Benicar HCT, Diovan HCT, Hyzaar, Micardis HCT
Avapro	Benicar, Cozaar, Diovan, Micardis
Avelox	ciprofloxacin, ofloxacin, Levaquin
Avodart	doxazosin, finasteride (generic Proscar), terazosin, Flomax
Benzaclin	clindamycin, benzoyl peroxide/erythromycin, Duac
Cialis	Viagra
Clarinex*	fexofenadine (generic Allegra)
Clarinex-D*	Allegra-D (g)*
Concerta	methylphenidate, Adderall XR, Vyvanse
Cymbalta	venlafaxine (generic Effexor), Effexor XR
Differin (PA)	tretinoin (PA), Retin-A Micro Gel (PA), Tazorac (PA)
Elidel	Protopic
Finacea	Azelex
Levitra	Viagra
Lexapro	citalopram (generic Celexa), fluoxetine (generic Prozac), paroxetine (generic Paxil), paroxetine sustained release 24 hour (generic Paxil CR), sertraline (generic Zoloft), venlafaxine (generic Effexor), Effexor XR
Lunesta	zaleplon (generic Sonata), zolpidem (generic Ambien)
Nasacort AQ	flunisolide, fluticasone (generic Flonase), Nasonex
Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo	trinessa, tri-sprintec
Patanol	Elestat, Optivar
Premarin Cream	Estrace Cream
Premarin Tablets	estradiol, estropipate, Cenestin, Enjuvia
Premphase	Activella (g)*, Prefest
Prempro	Activella (g)*, Prefest
Prevacid Solutab*	omeprazole (generic Prilosec), Aciphex, Zegerid
ProAir HFA	Proventil HFA, Xopenex HFA
Provigil (PA)	amphetamine with dextroamphetamine salt combination, dextroamphetamine, methylphenidate, Adderall XR
Rhinocort Aqua	flunisolide, fluticasone (generic Flonase), Nasonex
Strattera	methylphenidate, Adderall XR, Vyvanse
Synthroid	levothyroxine
Xalatan	Lumigan, Travatan, Travatan Z
Xopenex Inhalation Solution	albuterol inhalation solution
Zetia	lovastatin, pravastatin (generic Pravachol), simvastatin (generic Zocor), Crestor, Lipitor, Vytorin
Zymar	ciprofloxacin drops, ofloxacin drops

Examples of Excluded Brand-Name Drugs†	Empire Plan Flexible Formulary Alternatives
Adoxa	doxycycline
Caduet	amlodipine (generic Norvasc) plus Lipitor
Coreg CR	carvedilol (generic Coreg)
Doryx	doxycycline
Genotropin (PA)°	Nutropin (PA), Nutropin AQ (PA), Saizen (PA), Tev-Tropin (PA)
Humatrope (PA)°°	Nutropin (PA), Nutropin AQ (PA), Saizen (PA), Tev-Tropin (PA)
Nexium	omeprazole (generic Prilosec), Aciphex, Zegerid
Norditropin (PA)°°°	Nutropin (PA), Nutropin AQ (PA), Saizen (PA), Tev-Tropin (PA)
Omnitrope (PA)	Nutropin (PA), Nutropin AQ (PA), Saizen (PA), Tev-Tropin (PA)
Prevacid Capsules*	omeprazole (generic Prilosec), Aciphex, Zegerid
Testim	Androgel
Treximet	naproxen sodium plus Imitrex*
Veramyst	flunisolide, fluticasone (generic Flonase), Nasonex

° Excluded, except for the treatment of growth failure due to Prader-Willi syndrome or Small for Gestational Age.

°° Excluded, except for the treatment of growth failure due to SHOX deficiency.

°°° Excluded, except for the treatment of short stature associated with Noonan syndrome

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