

## Brand Medications Requiring Use of a Generic First

You can save money by using safe, effective generic medications when possible. According to your prescription benefit plan, you will have to try a generic medication first before certain brand-name medications will be covered. The chart below tells you which kinds of drugs require you to use a generic first. This chart only provides a sample list of generic drug options and may not include all drugs available.

<b>Drug Class</b> <i>Condition Treated*</i>	<b>Step 1:</b> You will have to try one of these generic medications first:	<b>Step 2:</b> Before you can try one of these non-preferred brand drugs:	These preferred select brand drugs do not require use of a generic first:
<b>Bisphosphonates/Combinations</b> <i>Osteoporosis</i>	alendronate ibandronate	Binosto Fosamax Plus D	<i>Preferred brand not available in class</i>
<b>COX-2 Inhibitors/Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory (NSAIDs)/ Combinations</b> <i>Pain and Inflammation</i>	celecoxib diclofenac sodium/misoprostol fenoprofen meloxicam naproxen tabs naproxen sodium (except CR)  (additional generic NSAIDs available)	Cambia Vivlodex Zipsor Zorvolex	<i>Preferred brand not available in class</i>
<b>Fibrates</b> <i>High Triglycerides</i>	fenofibrate fenofibric acid	Triglide	<i>Preferred brand not available in class</i>
<b>Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)</b> <i>Stomach Acid</i>	esomeprazole lansoprazole delayed-rel omeprazole delayed-rel pantoprazole delayed-rel	Prilosec Packets	Dexilant
<b>Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs)</b> <i>Depression</i>	citalopram escitalopram tab fluvoxamine fluoxetine paroxetine HCl /paroxetine HCl ext-rel sertraline	Pexeva	Trintellix Viibryd
<b>Sleeping Agents</b> <i>Insomnia/Sleep Problems</i>	eszopiclone zolpidem/zolpidem ext-rel zolpidem sublingual	Edluar Zolpimist	Belsomra Silenor

\*This list indicates the common uses for which the drug is prescribed. Some medicines are prescribed for more than one condition. Brand-name drugs not listed here may be covered by your plan without the use of a generic first. Information provided here is not a substitute for medical advice or treatment. Discuss this information with your doctor or health care provider. CVS Caremark® assumes no liability for the information provided or for any diagnosis or treatment made in reliance thereon, nor is it responsible for the reliability of the content.

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