

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.*

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| A | ampicillin | Biaxin XL* | chlorthalidone/clidinium |
| Aceon | Antara | BiDil | chlorhexidine |
| acetaminophen with codeine | Apokyn | bisoprolol with | cholestyramine |
| acetaminophen with hydrocodone | Aricept, Aricept ODT | hydrochlorothiazide | ciclopirox solution, non-oral |
| Activella | Arixtra | Boniva | Ciprodex |
| Actonel* | Asacol | brimonidine | ciprofloxacin |
| Actoplus Met | Asmanex | bupropion | ciprofloxacin drops |
| Actos | Astelin | bupropion sustained action | citalopram (generic Celexa) |
| acyclovir | atenolol | bupropion sustained release | clarithromycin (generic Biaxin) |
| Adderall XR | atenolol with chlorthalidone | 24 Hour 300mg | clindamycin (all formulations) |
| Advair | Atrovent Inhaler (except for HFA)* | buspirone | Clindesse |
| Advicor | Avandamet | butalbital/acetaminophen/caffeine | clobetasol |
| Akineton | Avandaryl | butalbital/aspirin/caffeine | clomiphene |
| albuterol | Avandia | butorphanol nasal spray | clonazepam |
| albuterol inhalation solution | aviane | Byetta | clonidine |
| albuterol/ipratropium solution | Avodart | | clotrimazole with betamethasone |
| Allegra-D (g)* | Avonex (PA) | C | clozapine |
| Alphagan P | Axid Oral Solution | captopril | Colazal |
| alprazolam/alprazolam extended release | azithromycin (generic Zithromax) | captopril with hydrochlorothiazide | colestipol |
| Altace* | Azopt | carbamazepine | Combipatch |
| Altoprev | | carbidopa/levodopa | Combivent |
| amantadine | B | Cardizem LA* | Concerta* |
| amiodarone | Baraclude | carisoprodol | Condylox (g)* |
| amitriptyline | benazepril | carvedilol (generic Coreg) | Copaxone (PA) |
| amlodipine (generic Norvasc) | benazepril with hydrochlorothiazide | Catapres-TTS | Cozaar |
| amlodipine and benazepril (generic Lotrel) | Benicar | cefaclor | Creon |
| amoxicillin | Benicar HCT | cefadroxil | Crestor |
| amoxicillin with potassium clavulanate (generic Augmentin) | benzoyl peroxide/erythromycin | cefdinir (generic Omnicef) | cromolyn |
| amphetamine with dextroamphetamine salt combination | benztropine | cefprozil | cromolyn sodium drops |
| | betamethasone dipropionate | cefuroxime | cyclobenzaprine |
| | Betaseron (PA) | Celebrex | cyclopentolate |
| | betaxolol | Cenestin | Cytomel |
| | Betoptic S | cephalexin | |
| | | Cetrotide | D |
| | | | Depakote* |

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

E

Effexor XR
Elestat
Emend
Enablex
enalapril
enalapril with
hydrochlorothiazide
Enbrel (PA)
Enjuvia
Entocort EC
Epipen
ergotamine/cafeine
erythromycin
erythromycin solution
Esclim
Estraderm
estradiol patch
Estratest
Estratest H.S.
Estring
estropipate
etidronate disodium
etodolac
Evista

F

famciclovir
Felbatol
felodipine (generic Plendil)
fenofibrate

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)
Fosamax*
Fosamax Plus D*
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
guanfacine

H

haloperidol
Helidac
Hepsera*
Humalog
Humatrope (PA)
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
Kytril*

L

labetalol
Lamictal (g)*
lamotrigine dispersible tablet
Lantus
leflunomide
leuprolide
Levaquin
Levemir
levonorgestrel-ethinyl estradiol
tablet, dosepack, 3 month
(generic Seasonale)
levothyroxine (generic
Synthroid)
Lexapro
Lipitor
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
Nasacort AQ
Nasonex
Nexium
Niaspan
nifedipine (all formulations)
Norditropin (PA)
nortriptyline

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Novolin
Novolog
Nutropin (PA)
Nuvaring
nystatin
nystatin with triamcinolone

O

ofloxacin (generic Floxin)
ofloxacin drops
omeprazole (generic Prilosec)
ondansetron (generic Zofran)
Optivar
orphenadrine/orphenadrine
compound
Ortho-Prefest
Ovidrel
oxaprozin
oxcarbazepine
oxybutynin/oxybutynin sustained
release (generic Ditropan)
oxycodone with acetaminophen
oxycodone with aspirin
Oxycontin (g)*
Oxytrol

P

Pancrease MT (g)*
paroxetine (generic Paxil)
Peg-Intron (PA)
Pegasys (PA)
penicillin V potassium
phenobarbital
phentermine (PA)
phenytoin
pilocarpine
piroxicam
Plavix
podofilox topical
Prandin
pravastatin (generic Pravachol)
prazosin
Precare
Precose*
Pred Mild
prednisolone
prednisolone drops
prednisone
Premarin
Premphase
Prempro
prenatal vitamins (generic)
Prevacid
Prevacid NapraPAC

Prevpac
primidone
procainamide
prochlorperazine
promethazine
Prometrium
propoxyphene with
acetaminophen
propranolol sustained action
capsule
propranolol tablet
Protopic
pseudoephedrine/
chlorpheniramine
Pulmicort Flexhaler*
Pulmicort Respules

Q

quinapril
quinapril with
hydrochlorothiazide
quinidine gluconate
quinidine sulfate
QVAR

R

Ranexa
ranitidine
Rebif (PA)
Relpax
Restasis
Retin-A Micro Gel (PA)
Revatio (PA)
ribavirin
rimantadine
Risperdal (except for M-Tab)*
Roferon A (PA)

S

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

Strattera
sucralfate
Sular
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
Voltaren Ophthalmic
Vytarin

W

warfarin
Welchol
Wellbutrin XL (g)*

X

Xopenex HFA

Y

Yasmin
Yaz

Z

Zetia
zolpidem (generic Ambien)
Zomig
Zovirax Ointment, Cream
Zylet
Zyprexa (except for Zydys)
Zyrtec*
Zyrtec-D*

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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
 Proventil HFA
 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*
 zolpidem (generic Ambien), temazepam, flurazepam, triazolam, Sonata*
 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
 Estring, 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, Xopenex HFA
 omeprazole (generic Prilosec), Nexium, Prevacid
 albuterol, Xopenex HFA
 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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