

Essential Formulary

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This Preferred Drug List (PDL) is a guide to common cost-effective medications covered on the QualChoice Essential Formulary. This list is not all-inclusive. Coverage depends on your benefit plan. Check QualChoice.com for the most up-to-date information.

Print this PDL and take it with you when you see a doctor or other medical provider. We encourage doctors to prescribe drugs on this list when they are medically right for you. In all cases, choices about your health care and treatment are between you and your doctor.

How We Select Preferred Drugs

The drugs on this list are chosen for safety, effectiveness, and cost, based on the guidance of the QualChoice Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee. This group is made up of practicing doctors and pharmacists. They look at drugs regulated by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) — both newly approved and those that have been on the market for some time.

Reading the Drug List

Column 1 lists major drug categories such as antibiotics and sub-categories such as penicillins. Any restrictions on the drug are noted as:

PA (Pre-Authorization)

Covered only if pre-authorized (pre-approved). You or your doctor must have approval before filling the prescription. If you don't get approval, your medication may not be covered. Call **Catamaran**, an OptumRx company, at 877.629.3118 for a pre-authorization form. Your doctor must fill it out and send to Catamaran.

QL (Quantity Limits)

Covered only for a limited number of doses over a certain amount of time. To learn more about QL on a certain drug, call **Catamaran** at 877.629.3118.

ST (Step Therapy)

Requires use of some other drug first before it is covered. Starts with the most cost-effective and safest drugs and moves on to other more costly ones only if needed. Examples are muscle relaxants and some specialty drugs.

Columns 2, 3, 4 list the drug's tier level. Each drug is listed in one of three payment tiers, each with a different cost share.

Tier 1 – Lowest Co-payment

Most (but not all) generic drugs are in Tier 1. For the lowest out-of-pocket cost always ask your doctor if a Tier 1 drug would work for you.

Tier 2 – Middle Co-payment

If your drug is in Tier 2, ask your doctor if a Tier 1 drug might work for you.

Tier 3 – Highest Co-payment

If your drug is in Tier 3, ask your doctor if a Tier 1 or Tier 2 drug might work for you.

Specialty Drugs

These drugs may have a higher co-payment or deductible and coinsurance, based on your plan. They can be filled by our preferred specialty pharmacy, BriovaRx. For help call **BriovaRx at 866.791.8679**. Check your *Benefit Summary* about specialty drug coverage under your plan. For a list of common specialty drugs, go to QualChoice.com; select *Pharmacy*, then select *Commonly Used Specialty Drugs*. To see what you will pay for a specialty drug, check your *Benefit Summary*.

For more on your specific drug coverage, check your *Evidence of Coverage (EOC)* or *Certificate of Coverage (COC)*. If you do not have a copy of these or your *Benefit Summary*, log at QualChoice.com and select *Your Benefit Booklet*. Or call us at 800.235.7111 or 501.228.7111 to ask for a copy to be mailed to you.

Medication Not Listed

If your drug is not listed here, log in as a member at QualChoice.com and select *Your Drug Formulary*. On the *OptumRx Dashboard*, select *Drug Lookup*.

Generic Drugs

Generics are FDA-approved and have the same active ingredients as the brand-name drug. They are most often less costly than brand-name drugs. On the drug list, (*) means that a generic version is available.

Appeal Process

You have the right to appeal any decision by QualChoice to not provide or pay for a medication. You may file an appeal by filling out the *Member Appeal Request Form* at QualChoice.com. You may also call us at 501.228.7111 or 800.235.7111 and ask for a copy to be mailed to you.

*Generic version available

Drug Category	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Anti-Infectives			
Antibiotics – Cephalosporins	cefaclor, cefadroxil, cefdinir, cefixime, cefprozil, cefuroxime, cephalixin, cefpodoxime		Cedax, cefditoren, ceftibuten, Spectracef tab, Suprax tab
Antibiotics – Fluoroquinolones	ciprofloxacin, ciprofloxacin ER, levofloxacin, moxifloxacin, ofloxacin		Noroxin
Antibiotics – Macrolides	azithromycin, clarithromycin, clarithromycin ER, erythromycin		Dificid (PA), Zmax
Antibiotics – Penicillins	amoxicillin, amoxicillin w/ pot clavulanate, ampicillin, dicloxacillin, penicillin		Moxatag ER
Antibiotics – Other	doxycycline hyclate IR, doxycycline monohydrate IR, minocycline IR, tetracycline		Ketek, Sivextro
Antifungals	fluconazole(QL), itraconazole, ketoconazole (PA), terbinafine, voriconazole		Cresemba (PA)
Antivirals – Flu	amantadine, rimantadine		Relenza, Tamiflu
Antivirals – Herpes	acyclovir, famciclovir, valacyclovir		
Antivirals – HIV	All generics	Atripla, Epivir soln, Intelence, Kaletra, Norvir, Prezista, Reyataz, Truvada, Viread	Complera, Descovy, Epzicom, Isentress, Edurant, Evotaz, Genvoya, Odefsey, Prezcobix, Stribild, Tivicay, Sustiva, Triumeq, Vitekta
Cardiovascular			
ACE Inhibitors and ACE inhibitor combinations (QL)	benazepril, benazepril hctz, captopril, captopril hctz, enalapril, enalapril hctz, fosinopril, fosinopril hctz, lisinopril, lisinopril hctz, moexipril, moexipril hctz, perindopril, quinapril, quinapril hctz, ramipril, trandolapril		

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Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonists (ARB's) and combinations (QL)	candesartan, candesartan hctz, irbesartan, irbesartan hctz, eprosartan 600mg, losartan, losartan hctz, telmisartan, telmisartan hctz, valsartan, valsartan hctz		Benicar (PA), Benicar HCT (PA), Edarbi (PA), Edarbyclor (PA), Teveten HCT (PA)
Antihyperlipidemics (statins)	atorvastatin, fluvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, simvastatin	rosuvastain	Altoprev, Livalo (PA)
Other Antihyperlipidemic Agents	amlodipine/atorvastatin, cholestyramine, colestipol, fenofibrate, gemfibrozil, niacin extrel, niacin/lovastatin	fenofibric acid cap 45mg DR, fenofibric acid cap 135mg DR, fenofibrate cap 130mg	Vytorin (PA), Welchol, Zetia
Antihypertensive combinations (QL)	amlodipine/atorvastatin, amodopine/benazepril, amlodipine/telmisartan, amlopidine/valsartan, amlopidine/valsartan/hctz		Amturnide, Azor, Tribenzor
Antihypertensive – Other (QL)	eplerenone, spironolactone		Bidil, Tekamlo, Tekturna, Tekturna HCT
Antiplatelet/Anticoagulant Agents	cilostazol, clopidogrel, dipyridamole, ticlopidine, warfarin	Eliquis, Pradaxa, Xarelto	Aggrenox, Brilinta, Effient
Beta Blockers	acebutolol, atenolol, bisoprolol, carvedilol, metoprolol, metoprolol XL, propranolol		Bystolic, Coreg CR, Dutoprol, Innopran XL
Calcium Channel Blockers	amlodipine, diltiazem, felodipine, isradipine, nicardipine, nifedipine, nimodipine, verapamil		
Central Nervous System			
ADHD Medications (QL)	amphetamine salts, dextroamphetamine, dextroamphetamine SR, dexmethylphenidate, guanfacine ER, methylphenidate, modafanil	amphetamine-dextroamphetamine SR, dextroamphetamine ER, dexmethylphenidate ER, methylphenidate ER, Strattera (PA)	Daytrana (PA), Kapvay, Nuvigil (PA), Quillivant XR (PA), Vyvanse (PA)
Analgesics – Narcotic (All brands with a generic equivalent available are not covered)	codeine-apap, fentanyl, hydrocodone combinations, hydromorphone, meperidine, morphine sulfate, oxycodone combinations, oxycodone CR	OxyContin	Fentora (PA), Nucynta, Nucynta ER, Opana ER
Analgesics – NSAIDs	diclofenac, diclofenac-misoprostol, etodolac, ibuprofen, indomethacin,	celecoxib (PA)	Flector (PA)

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	meloxicam, naproxen, piroxicam, sulindac		
Alzheimers	donepezil, galantamine, rivastigmine		Namenda XR
Antianxiety	alprazolam, diazepam, lorazepam		
Anticonvulsants	carbamazepine, clonazepam, divalproex sodium, gabapentin, lamotrigine, lamotrigine ER, levetiracetam, levetiracetam ER, oxcarbazepine, phenytoin, tiagabine, topiramate, zonisamide		Briviact (PA), Dilantin*, Klonopin*, Lyrica(PA), Onfi tabs (PA), Oxtellar XR, Vimpat
Antidepressants – SNRIs (QL)	venlafaxine, venlafaxine ER caps	desvenlafaxine ER, duloxetine	Pristiq (PA)
Antidepressants – SSRIs (QL)	citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine caps, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, paroxetine ER, sertraline		
Antidepressants – Other (QL)	amitriptyline, bupropion immediate-release, bupropion SR, bupropion XL, desipramine, imipramine, mirtazapine, nortriptyline		Viibryd
Anti-Parkinson's Agents	carbidopa/levodopa, entacapone, pramipexole, rivastigmine, ropinirole ropinirole SR, tolcapone		Azilect (PA), Neupro patch (PA), Stalevo
Antipsychotic Agents (QL)	Aripiprazole, clozapine, olanzapine, olanzapine/fluoxetine, quetiapine, risperidone, ziprasidone		Equetro, Latuda (PA), Rexulti (PA), Saphris (PA), Seroquel XR, Vraylar (PA)
Migraine Products (QL = ALL)	almotriptan, naratriptan, rizatriptan, rizatriptan MLT, sumatriptan	zolmitriptan, zolmitriptan ODT	Frova (PA), Migranal, Relpax (PA), Zomig Nasal Spray
Sedative – Hypnotics (QL)	flurazepam, temazepam, triazolam, zaleplon (QL), zolpidem (QL)	eszopiclone (QL), zolpidem ER (QL)	Rozerem (QL)
Skeletal Muscle Relaxants	carisoprodol, chlorzoxazone, cyclobenzaprine, tizanidine tabs	metaxalone (ST)	
Endocrine			
Diabetes – Combinations	glyburide/metformin, pioglitazone/glimepiride,		ActoplusMet XR, Avandamet (PA),

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	pioglitazone/metformin		Avandaryl (PA)
Diabetes – Insulin		Lantus, Levemir, Novolin, NovoLog, Toujeo	Apidra, Humalog, Humulin
Diabetes – Insulin Secreting Agents	chlorpropamide, glimepiride, glipizide, glyburide, nateglinide, repaglinide, tolazamide		
Diabetes – Insulin Sensitizing Agents	metformin, metformin XR, pioglitazone		Avandia (PA)
Diabetes – Non–Insulin injectable antihyperglycemic agents			Byetta (PA), Bydureon (PA), Symlin, Victoza (PA)
Diabetes – Other Medications	acarbose	Janumet, Januvia(PA), Jardiance (PA), Onglyza (PA), Kombiglyze XR, Invokana (PA), Invokamet	Cycloset (PA), Farxiga (PA), Glyset, Kazano, Nesina (PA), Oseni, Tradjenta(PA), Xigduo XR
Diabetic Supplies		Accu–Chek, OneTouch	
Thyroid Agents	levothyroxine, Levoxyl		
Gastrointestinal/Urinary			
Digestive Aids		Creon, Zenpep	Pancrelipase
Gallstone Solubilizing Agents	ursodiol		
Genitourinary Medications	oxybutynin, oxybutynin ER, tolterodine, tolterodine, ER, trospium, trospium ER		Enablex (PA), Myrbetriq (PA), Oxytrol, Toviaz (PA), Vesicare (PA)
H–2 Antagonists**	cimetidine, famotidine, ranitidine tabs	nizatidine	
Hyperparathyroid Agents	calcitriol, doxercalciferol, paracalcitol		
Inflammatory/Irritable Bowel	balsalazide, mesalamine, sulfasalazine	Apriso, Canasa, Delzicol, Lialda, Linzess, Pentasa	Amitiza, Asacol HD
Proton Pump Inhibitors	omeprazole, pantoprazole	Esomeprazole (PA) lansoprazole, rabeprazole	Dexilant (PA)
Men's Health			
Erectile Dysfunction Agents			Caverject (PA), Cialis (PA/QL), Levitra (PA/QL), Staxyn (PA/QL), Viagra (PA/QL)
Hormone Replacement		Androgel 1.62% (PA/QL)	Androderm (PA), Axiron (PA), Striant (PA)
Prostate Health	alfuzosin, doxazosin, dutasteride, tamsulosin, terazosin		Rapaflo (PA)
Respiratory			

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Antihistamines	cetirizine, loratadine	desloratadine, levocetirizine	
Asthma – Beta Agonists Long Acting		Foradil, Serevent	Brovana, Perforomist, Striverdi
Asthma – Beta Agonists Short Acting	albuterol sulfate, metaproterenol	ProAir HFA, Ventolin HFA	Xopenex HFA
Asthma–Leukotriene Modulators	montelukast, zafirlukast		Zyflo
Asthma – Steroid Inhalants	budesonide	Arnuity Ellipta, Flovent	Alvesco, Asmanex, Pulmicort Flexhaler, QVAR
Asthma – Other	ipratropium/albuterol	Advair (PA), Breo Ellipta (PA) Spiriva, Incruse Ellipta, Symbicort (PA)	Anoro Ellipta, Atrovent HFA, Combivent Respimat, Daliresp (PA), Dulera (PA), Utibron
Nasal Products	azelastine, budesonide, flunisolide, fluticasone, mometasone, triamcinolone		Beconase AQ, Nasonex, Omnaris, Veramyst
Topical			
Ears	antipyrine/benzocaine, ofloxacin	Ciprodex	Cipro HC
Eye – Allergy	cromolyn, diclofenac, epinastine, ketotifen fumarate	Pataday, Pazeo	Alocril, Alomide, Bepreve, Emadine, Ilevro, Nevanac
Eye – Glaucoma	acetazolamide, brimonidine, dorzolamide, dorzolamide/timolol, latanoprost, levobunolol, timolol		Alphagan P 0.1%, Azopt, Betimol, Betoptic S, Combigan, Lumigan, Simbrinza, Travatan Z
Eye – Miscellaneous	ciprofloxacin, erythromycin, gatifloxacin, gentamicin	Lotemax, Vigamox	Alrex, Azasite, Besivance, Ciloxan oint., Durezol, Maxidex, Moxeza, Natacyn, Tobrex oint., Vexol, Zirgan
Eye – Diagnosis	tropicamide		
Skin – Acne	benzoyl peroxide, benzoyl peroxide/erythromycin, clindamycin, clindamycin phosphate-benzoyl peroxide		Aczone, Azelex
Skin – All	betamethasone, imiquimod, mometasone, mupirocin, tacrolimus	Elidel	Altabax, Bactroban nasal, Desonate Gel, Ertaczo, Eurax, Finacea, Mentax, Picato, Pramosone lotion, Rectiv, Tazorac, Ulesfia, Vectical, Veregen
Women's Health			

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Contraceptives	All Generics	Natazia, Necon 1/50, Nuvaring, Zovia 1/50	Beyaz, Lo Loestrin, Safyra
Combination HRT	estradiol/norethindron,	CombiPatch, Premphase, Prempro	Climara Pro, Duavee (PA), Prefest
Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT)	estradiol, progesterone	Cenestin, Enjuvia, Estrace Vaginal, Premarin, Vagifem	Alora, Estring Vaginal, Estrogel Pump, Femring, Menest, Minivelle
Osteoporosis – Calcium Regulators	alendronate, risedronate calcitonin spray		ibandronate (ST)
Osteoporosis – Hormone Receptor Modulators	raloxifene		
Vaginal Products	clindamycin, metronidazole, terconazole	Clindesse	AVC, Gynazole-1, Osphena (PA)
Miscellaneous			
Antiemetics	granisetron (QL), ondansetron (QL)		Anzemet (QL), Emend (QL), Varubi (QL)
Gout	allopurinol		Colcrys, Uloric
Immunosuppressive Agents	cyclosporine, mycophenolate mofetil, tacrolimus		Azasan, Myfortic*, Zortress
Smoking Cessation	bupropion		Chantix (PA)

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For information on drugs not listed, call OptumRx at 877.629.3118.
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