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APPROVED FORMULARY DRUG LIST

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LEGEND

In each class, drugs are alphabetically listed by active ingredient.

If only the word 'generic' appears within the parenthesis, only the generic is on Formulary.

Example: Cefaclor (generic) means that the generic, Cefaclor is covered and the brand is not covered.

If the word 'generic' does not appear within the parenthesis, the active ingredient is only available as a brand and is on Formulary. The drug name in parenthesis is the brand name.

Example: Cefixime (Suprax) means that the brand, Suprax is covered and there is no generic available. Suprax is the brand name.

If the word 'generic' and the brand name both appear within the parenthesis, both the generic and the brand name drugs are on Formulary.

Example: Warfarin (Coumadin/generic) means that both the brand and generic are available. Therefore, the brand Coumadin and the generic Warfarin are covered.

INTRODUCTION

Blue Cross of California uses a formulary (preferred list of drugs) to help your doctor make prescribing decisions. This list of drugs is updated quarterly, by a committee consisting of doctors and pharmacists, so that the list includes drugs that are safe and effective in the treatment of diseases. If you have any questions about the accessibility of your medication, please call the phone number listed on the back of your Blue Cross of California member identification card.

In most cases, if your physician has determined that it is medically necessary for you to receive a brand name drug or a drug that is not on our list, your physician may indicate "Dispense as Written" or "Do Not Substitute" on your prescription to ensure access to the medication through our network of community pharmacies, excluding drugs that require Prior Authorization of Benefits.

Please ask your doctor or pharmacist to refer to the Blue Cross of California Outpatient Prescription Drug List for a complete listing of products.

USE OF GENERICS

Generic drugs are safe and effective equivalents to brand name medications. In many cases, if a generic equivalent is available for a brand name product, the brand name product will be considered non-preferred and the generic equivalent will be on the list. The FDA has endorsed the use of generic equivalents and has found their use to be safe and effective.

For medications classified by the FDA as having a narrow therapeutic index (NTI), Blue Cross of California discourages the use of these generic substitutions.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Blue Cross may require prior authorization of benefit (PAB) for certain drugs to provide a safe and affordable pharmacy benefit. Drugs which require PAB are often medications that are appropriate for only very specific medical conditions. If your physician believes that a medication requiring PAB is medically appropriate, he or she should contact WellPoint Pharmacy Management in order to initiate the Prior Authorization Process on your behalf. The list of drugs are subject to change so please call Customer Service at 1-800-700-2541 or check our website at www.bluecrossca.com to obtain a complete list of PAB drugs.

ANTI-INFECTIVE AGENTS

ANTIBIOTICS

Cephalosporins

Cefaclor (generic)
Cefixime (Suprax)
Cefdinir (Omnicef)
Cedroxil (generic)
Cefprozil (Cefzil)
Cefuroxime (generic)
Cephalexin (generic)
Cephradine (generic)

Macrolides

Azithromycin (Zithromax/Zithromax TriPak)
Clarithromycin (Biaxin XL/generic)
Erythromycin (generic)
Erythromycin/Sulfisoxazole (generic)

Penicillins

Amoxicillin (generic)
Amoxicillin/Clavulanate (Augmentin/XR/ES/generic)

Ampicillin (generic)
Dicloxacillin (generic)
Penicillin (generic)

Quinolones

Ciprofloxacin (generic)
Levofloxacin (Levaquin)

Sulfonamides

Erythromycin/Sulfisoxazole (generic)
Sulfamethoxazole/Trimethoprim (generic)
Sulfisoxazole (generic)

Tetracyclines

Doxycycline hyclate (generic)
Minocycline (generic)
Tetracycline (generic)

ANTIFUNGAL AGENTS (ORAL)

Clotrimazole (Mycelex oral)
Fluconazole (generic)
Griseofulvin (generic)
Itraconazole (generic)
Ketoconazole (generic)
Nystatin (generic)
Terbinafine (Lamisil)
Voriconazole (Vfend)

ANTI-MALARIALS

Chloroquine (generic)
Mefloquine (generic)
Primaquine (Primaquine)
Pyrimethamine (Daraprim)
Pyrimethamine/Sulfadoxine (Fansidar)
Quinine (generic)

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS AGENTS

Ethambutol (generic)
Ethionamide (Trecator-SC)
Isoniazid (generic)
Pyrazinamide (generic)
Rifabutin (Mycobutin)
Rifampin (generic)

OTHER ANTI-INFECTIVES

Clindamycin (generic)
Iodoquinol (Yodoxin)
Linezolid (Zyvox)
Metronidazole (generic)
Trimethoprim (generic)

ANTI-NEOPLASTIC AGENTS

All FDA-approved, self-administered injectable and oral anti-neoplastic agents are eligible for coverage under the prescription drug benefit. May be subject to PAB.

ANTIVIRAL AGENTS

Acyclovir (generic)
Adefovir Dipivoxil (Hepsera)
Amantadine (generic)
Ganciclovir (Cytovene)
Interferon Alfa-2A (Roferon-A)
Interferon Alfa-2B (Intron A)
Interferon Alfa-2B/Ribavirin (Rebetron)
Interferon Alfacon-1 (Infergen)
Lamivudine (EpiVIR HBV)
Peginterferon Alfa-2B (Peg-Intron)
Ribavirin (Rebetol/Copegus)
Valacyclovir (Valtrex)
Valganciclovir (Valcyte)

AUTONOMIC AND CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM AGENTS

ANALGESICS, NARCOTIC

Acetaminophen/Codeine (generic)
Aspirin/Codeine (generic)
Codeine Phosphate/Sulfate (generic)
Fentanyl (generic)
Fentanyl Citrate (Actiq)
Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen (generic)
Hydromorphone (generic)
Meperidine (generic)
Methadone (generic)
Morphine (generic)
Morphine Sulfate (MS Contin/generic)
Oxycodone (generic)

Oxycodone (Oxycontin/generic)
Oxycodone/Acetaminophen (generic)
Oxycodone/Aspirin (generic)
Propoxyphene (generic)
Propoxyphene Compound (generic)
Propoxyphene/Acetaminophen (generic)

Analgesics, Non-Narcotic - - - - -

APAP/Isometheptene/Dichlphen (generic)
Acetaminophen/Caffeine/Butalbital (generic)
Aspirin/Caffeine/Butalbital (generic)
Ergotamine (Ergostat)
Ergotamine/Caffeine (generic)
Methysergide (Sansert)
Rizatriptan (Maxalt/MLT)
Sumatriptan (Imitrex)
Tramadol (generic)
Zolmitriptan (Zomig/ZMT)

ANALGESICS, NONSTEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY -

Diclofenac (generic)
Diclofenac/Misoprostol (Arthrotec)
Etodolac (generic)
Flurbiprofen (generic)
Ibuprofen (generic)
Indomethacin (generic)
Ketoprofen (generic)
Ketorolac (generic)
Nabumetone (generic)
Naproxen (generic)
Naproxen/Lansoprazole(Prevacid NapraPac)
Oxaprozin (generic)
Piroxicam (generic)
Sulindac (generic)

ANALGESICS, SALICYLATES - - - - -

Aspirin (generic)
Chol Sal/Magnesium Salicylate (generic)
Diflunisal (generic)
Salsalate (generic)

ANTICONVULSANTS - - - - -

Carbamazepine (Tegretol/generic)
Clonazepam (generic)
Divalproex Sodium (Depakote/ER)
Ethosuximide (Zarontin)
Felbamate (Felbatol)
Gabapentin (generic)
Tiagabine (Gabitril)
Levetiracetam (Keppra)
Lamotrigine (Lamictal)
Phenobarbital (generic)
Phenytoin (Dilantin/Phenytek/generic)
Primidone (generic)
Oxcarbazepine (Trileptal)
Topiramate (Topamax)
Valproic Acid (Depakene/generic)
Zonisamide (Zonegran)

ANTIPARKINSON AGENTS - - - - -

Akineton (Biperiden)
Amantadine (generic)
Benzotropine (generic)
Bromocriptine (generic)
Carbidopa/Levodopa (generic)
Entacapone (Comtan)
Levodopa (Laradopa)
Pergolide (generic)
Procyclidine (Kemadrin)
Pramipexole (Mirapex)
Ropinirole (Requip)
Selegiline (generic)
Trihexyphenidyl (generic)

ALZHEIMER'S AGENTS - - - - -

Donepezil (Aricept)
Galantamine (Reminyl)
Memantine (Namenda)
Rivastigmine (Exelon)

CEREBRAL STIMULANTS - - - - -

Amphet Asp/Amphet/D-Amphet (Adderall XR/
generic)
Dextroamphetamine (generic)
Methamphetamine (Desoxyn)
Methylphenidate ER (Concerta)
Methylphenidate (generic)

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AGENTS - - - - -

Glatiramer Acetate (Copaxone)*
Interferon Beta-1A (Avonex)*
Interferon Beta-1A (Rebif)*
Interferon Beta-1B (Betaseron)*

OPIOID DEPENDANCE - - - - -

Buprenorphine/Naloxone (Suboxone)
Buprenorphine (Subutex)

PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC AGENTS - - - - -

Antidepressants - - - - -

Amitriptyline (generic)
Bupropion (Wellbutrin XL/generic)
Citalopram (generic)
Desipramine (generic)
Doxepin (generic)
Escitalopram (Lexapro)
Fluoxetine (generic)
Fluvoxamine (generic)
Imipramine (generic)
Mirtazapine (generic)
Nortriptyline (generic)
Paroxetine (Paxil CR/generic)
Phenelzine (Nardil)
Sertraline (Zoloft)
Tranlycypromine (Parnate)
Trazodone (generic)
Venlafaxine (Effexor/Effexor XR)

Antimanic Agents - - - - -

Lithium Carbonate (Eskalith/Lithobid/generic)
Lithium Citrate (Lithonate/generic)

Antipsychotic Agents - - - - -

Aripiprazole (Abilify)
Chlorpromazine (generic)
Clomipramine (generic)
Clozapine (Clozaril/generic)
Fluphenazine (generic)
Haloperidol (generic)
Loxapine (generic)
Mesoridazine (Serentil)
Molindone (Moban)
Olanzapine (Zyprexa/Zydis)
Perphenazine (generic)
Pimozide (Orap)
Prochlorperazine (generic)
Quetiapine (Seroquel)
Risperidone (Risperdal)
Thioridazine (generic)
Thiothixene (generic)
Trifluoperazine (generic)

SEDATIVES, HYPNOTICS AND ANTI-ANXIETY - - - - -

Alprazolam (generic)
Buspirone (generic)
Chloral Hydrate (generic)
Chlordiazepoxide (generic)
Clorazepate (generic)
Diazepam (generic)
Flurazepam (generic)
Lorazepam (generic)
Meprobamate (generic)
Oxazepam (generic)
Temazepam (generic)
Triazolam (generic)

BLOOD MODIFIERS

Darboepoetin alfa (Aranesp)
Erythropoietin (Procrit)
Filgrastim (Neupogen)
Oprelvekin (Neumega)

CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS

ANGIOTENSIN CONVERTING ENZYME INHIBITORS AND RECEPTOR BLOCKERS - - - - -

Benazepril (generic)
Benazepril/HCTZ (generic)
Benazepril/Amlodipine (Lotrel)
Captopril/HCTZ (generic)
Enalapril (generic)
Fosinopril/HCTZ (generic)
Lisinopril/HCTZ (generic)
Losartan/HCTZ (Cozaar/Hyzaar)
Quinapril/HCTZ (generic)

Ramipril (Altace)
Valsartan/HCTZ (Diovan/Diovan HCT)

ANTI-ADRENERGIC BLOCKERS - - - - -

Doxazosin (generic)
Prazosin (generic)
Terazosin (generic)
Tamsulosin (Flomax)

ANTIARRHYTHMICS - - - - -

Amiodarone (Cordarone/Pacerone/generic)
Digoxin (Lanoxin/generic)
Disopyramide (generic)
Flecainide (generic)
Mexiletine (generic)
Morcizine (Ethmozine)
Procainamide (generic)
Propafenone (generic)
Quinidine Gluconate (generic)
Sotalol (generic)
Tocainide (Tonocard)

ANTICOAGULANTS/ANTITHROMBOTICS - - - - -

Anagrelide (generic)
Clopidogrel (Plavix)
Dalteparin (Fragmin)*
Dipyridamole (generic)
Enoxaparin (Lovenox)*
Fondaparinux (Arixtra)*
Pentoxifylline (generic)
Ticlopidine (generic)
Tinzaparin (Innohep)*
Warfarin (Coumadin/generic)

ANTILIPEMICS - - - - -

Atorvastatin (Lipitor)
Cholestyramine (generic)
Colestipol (Colestid)
Ezetimibe (Zetia)
Fenofibrate (Tricor/generic)
Gemfibrozil (generic)
Lovastatin (generic)
Niacin (Nicotinx/SioNiacin/Niaspan/generic)
Simvastatin (Zocor)

BETA-ADRENERGIC BLOCKERS - - - - -

Atenolol/Chlorthalidone (generic)
Bisoprolol/HCTZ (generic)
Carvedilol (Coreg)
Labetalol (generic)
Metoprolol/HCTZ (Toprol XL/generic)
Pindolol (generic)
Propranolol/HCTZ (generic)
Sotalol (generic)
Timolol (generic)

CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS - - - - -

Amlodipine (Norvasc)
Bepidil (Vascor)
Diltiazem (generic)
Felodipine (Plendil)
Isradipine (Dynacirc/CR)
Nifedipine (generic)
Nimodipine (Nimotop)
Nisoldipine (Sular)
Verapamil (Verelan PM/generic)

CENTRALLY ACTING ANTIHYPERTENSIVES - - - - -

Clonidine (generic)
Methyldopa (generic)

DIURETICS - - - - -

Acetazolamide (generic)
Chlorthalidone (generic)
Ethacrynic Acid (generic)
Furosemide (generic)
HCTZ/Triamterene (generic)
Hydrochlorothiazide (generic)
Indapamide (generic)
Methazolamide (generic)
Metolazone (Zaroxolyn)
Spironolactone/HCTZ (generic)
Torsemide (generic)
Triamterene (generic)

ALDOSTERONE ANTAGONISTS - - - - -

Eplerenone (Inspra)

VASODILATORS - - - - -

Hydralazine (generic)

*Members should refer to their Member Handbook for benefit details regarding applicable copayments or coinsurance.

Isosorbide Dinitrate (Dilatrate SR/generic)
Isosorbide Mononitrate (Imdur/Ismo/Monoket)
Minoxidil (generic)
Nitroglycerin (Nitrostat/Nitrobid/Nitrolingual
Spray/generic)
Nitroglycerin (Deponit/Minitrans/Nitrex/Nitro-Dur/
Nitrodisc/Transderm-Nitro/generic)

Pulmonary Vasodilator - - - - -

Bosentan (Tracleer)

VASOPRESSORS - - - - -

Epinephrine/Chlorpheniramine
(Ana-Guard/Epipen/Ana-Kit)

CONTRACEPTIVES

Eth Estradiol/Desogestrel (Mircette)
Eth Estradiol/Desogestrel (Apri/generic)
Eth Estradiol/Drospirenone (Yasmin)
Eth Estradiol/Ethinodioldiacetate (Zovia)
Eth Estradiol/Etonogestrel (NuvaRing)
Eth Estradiol/Levonorgestrel (Enpresse/Portia/
Seasonale/Trivora/ generic)
Eth Estradiol/Norelgestromin (Ortho-Evra)
Eth Estradiol/Norethindrone (generic)
Eth Estradiol/Norethindrone (Necon/generic)
Eth Estradiol/Norgestimate (Trinessa/
TriSprintec/generic)
Eth Estradiol/Norgestrel (Low-Ogestrel/Ogestrel)
Norethindrone (Nora-BE)

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVES - - - - -

Levonorgestrel (Plan B)

DERMATOLOGICALS

ACNE - - - - -

Adapalene (Differin)
Clindamycin (Cleocin T)
Clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide (BenzaClin)
Erythromycin (generic)
Isotretinoin (generic)
Minocycline (generic)
Sodium Sulfacetamide (generic)
Tazarotene (Tazorac)
Tretinoin (generic)

ANTIBIOTICS/ANTIVIRALS - - - - -

Acyclovir (generic)
Bacitracin/Polymyxin B (Bacitracin)
Mupirocin (Bactroban/generic)
Na sulfacetamide/sulfur (generic)

FUNGICIDES - - - - -

Nystatin/Triamcinolone (generic)
Metronidazole (Metrogel/MetroLotion/
MetroCream)
Econazole (generic)
Ketoconazole (generic)

TOPICAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY AGENTS - - - - -

Low Potency - - - - -

Desonide (generic)
Fluocinolone (generic)
Hydrocortisone (generic)

Medium Potency - - - - -

Desoximetasone (generic)
Fluocinolone (generic)
Fluticasone (generic)
Mometasone (Elocon/generic)
Triamcinolone (generic)

High Potency - - - - -

Betamethasone Dipropionate (generic)
Fluocinonide (generic)

Ultra-High Potency - - - - -

Augmented Betamethasone (generic)
Clobetasol (generic)
Diflorasone (generic)

VAGINAL/RECTAL PREPARATIONS - - - - -

Clindamycin (Cleocin)
Dienestrol (Ortho-Dienestrol)
Estradiol (Estrace/Estring/Vagifem)
Estrogens, Conjugated (Premarin)
Hydrocortisone/Pramoxine (Proctocort/HC/
Proctofoam HC/Proctofoam HC)
Mesalamine (Rowasa)
Metronidazole (Metrogel-Vaginal)

Nystatin (generic)
Progesterone (Crinone Vaginal Gel)
Sulfanilamide (generic)
Sulfathiaz/Sulfacet/Sulfabenz (generic)

MISCELLANEOUS DERMATOLOGICALS - - - - -

Azelaic acid (Finacea)
Calcipotriene (Dovonex)
Crotamiton (Eurax)
Fluorouracil (Fluoroplex/Efudex)
Imiquimod (Aldara)
Lindane (generic)
Masoprocol (Actinex)
Methoxsalen (Oxsoralen)
Permethrin (Elimite)
Podofilox (Condylox)
Selenium Sulfide (Exsel)
Silver Sulfadiazine (generic)
Tazarotene (Tazorac)

ENDOCRINE AGENTS

ANTI-DIABETIC AGENTS-INJECTABLE - - - - -

All forms of insulin are covered.

ANTI-DIABETIC AGENTS-ORAL - - - - -

Acarbose (Precose)
Acetohexamide (generic)
Chlorpropamide (generic)
Glimepiride (Amaryl)
Glipizide (generic)
Glipizide/Metformin (Metaglip)
Glyburide/Metformin (generic)
Glyburide/Micronized (generic)
Metformin (generic)
Miglitol (Glyset)
Nateglinide (Starlix)
Pioglitazone (Actos)
Repaglinide (Prandin)
Rosiglitazone (Avandia)
Rosiglitazone/Metformin (Avandamet)
Tolazamide (generic)
Tolbutamide (generic)

ANTI-DIABETIC SUPPLIES - - - - -

Select blood testing supplies, such as glucometers, lancets, and test strips, may be covered. Accu-Chek and One Touch are the only test strips included on formulary. Quantity limits apply.

Accu-Chek Active Test Strips
Accu-Chek Advantage Strips
Accu-Chek Comfort Curve Strips
Accu-Chek Complete Test Strips
Accu-Chek Compact Strips
Accu-Chek Easy Test Strips
Accu-Chek Instant Test Strips
Accu-Chek Simplicity Strips
One Touch Basic Test Strips
One Touch FastTake Test Strips
One Touch Profile Test Strips
One Touch SureStep Test Strips
One Touch Ultra Test Strips
One Touch UltraSmart Test Strips

GLUCOSE ELEVATING AGENTS - - - - -

Diazoxide (Proglycem)
Glucagon (Glucagon)

ANTI-THYROID - - - - -

Methimazole (generic)
Propylthiouracil (generic)

THYROID - - - - -

Levothyroxine (Levothroid/Levoxy/Unithroid/
Synthroid/generic)
Liothyronine (Cytomel)
Liotrix (Thyrolar)
Thyroid (Armour Thyroid)

OTHER ENDOCRINE AGENTS - - - - -

Leuprolide (Eligard)
Nafarelin (Synarel)

GASTROINTESTINAL AGENTS

ANTIEMETIC/ANTIVERTIGO - - - - -

Aprepitant (Emend)
Dronabinol (Marinol)

Granisetron (Kytril)
Meclizine (generic)
Metoclopramide (generic)
Ondansetron (Zofran)
Prochlorperazine (generic)
Promethazine (Phenergan)
Scopolamine (Transderm-Scop)
Thiethylperazine (Torecan)
Trimethobenzamide (generic)

ANTISPASMODIC/GI MOTILITY - - - - -

Belladonna/Phenobarbital (generic)
Clidinium/Chlordiazepoxide (generic)
Dicyclomine (generic)
Hyoscyamine (generic)
Propantheline (generic)

ANTIULCER - - - - -

Cimetidine (generic)
Glycopyrolate (generic)
Lansoprazole (Prevacid)
Lansoprazole/Amox/Clarith (Prevpac)
Misoprostol (generic)
Nizatidine (generic)
Pantoprazole (Protonix)
Ranitidine (generic)
Sucralfate (generic)

OTHER GI PRODUCTS - - - - -

Lactulose (generic)
Mesalamine (Asacol/Pentasa)
Olsalazine (Dipentum)
Pancreatic Lipase (Creon/Pancrease/Viokase/
generic)
Sulfasalazine (generic)
Ursodiol (generic)

GLUCOCORTICOIDS

Dexamethasone (generic)
Fludrocortisone (Florinef)
Methylprednisolone (generic)
Prednisolone (generic)
Prednisone (generic)

GOUT THERAPY

Allopurinol (generic)
Colchicine (generic)
Colchicine/Probenecid (generic)
Indomethacin (generic)
Probenecid (generic)

HIV AGENTS

All oral and self injectable FDA-approved HIV agents are eligible for coverage under the prescription drug benefit. May be subject to PAB.

HORMONES

ANTIESTROGENS - - - - -

Anastrozole (Arimidex)
Raloxifene (Evista)
Tamoxifen (generic)

ESTROGENS - - - - -

Estradiol (generic)
Estradiol Patch (Alora/Climara/Esclim/Estraderm/
Vivelle/Dot)

Estrogens, Conjugated (Premarin/Low Dose)
Estrogens, Esterified (Estratab/Menest)

Estropipate (generic)
Synthetic conjugated estrogens (Cenestin)

ESTROGEN COMBINATIONS - - - - -

Estradiol/Norethindrone Acetate (Activella)
Estradiol/Norgestimate (Prefest)

Estrogen, Con/Medroxyprogesterone
(Prempro/Premphase)

Estrogen, Ester/Methyltestosterone
(Estratest H.S.)

Ethinyl Estradiol/Norethindrone Acetate
(Femhrt)

GROWTH HORMONE - - - - -

Somatropin (Genotropin/Nutropin/Nutropin AQ)

PROGESTINS - - - - -

Desogestrel (Cyclessa)
Medroxyprogesterone (Cycrin/generic)

