

Guide lists most commonly prescribed drugs

Our formulary lists medications available to BCBSM members who have a triple-tier or closed formulary benefit. The formulary represents the clinical judgment of physicians, pharmacists and other experts in the diagnosis and treatment of disease and promotion of health.

This guide lists drugs most commonly prescribed for BCBSM members; it is not a complete listing of drugs in our formulary. It encourages you and your doctor to select drugs recognized as the safest and most effective. Referring to this guide can help you understand how your drug copayment works and save money on your prescriptions.

Tier 1 – Generic

Tier 1 drugs are generic drugs made with the same active ingredients, available in the same strengths and dosage forms, and administered in the same ways as equivalent brand-name drugs. Generic drugs have a proven record of effectiveness. They also require the lowest copayment, making them the most cost-effective option for treatment. Look for these drugs under “Tier 1 – Generic” in this guide. Please note that the generics are listed according to their better-known brand-names.

Tier 2 – Formulary Brand

Tier 2 drugs are brand-name drugs included in the formulary. Tier 2 drugs are also safe and effective but require a higher copayment than Tier 1 drugs. Look for these drugs under “Tier 2 – Formulary Brand” in this guide.

Tier 3 – Nonformulary Brand

Tier 3 drugs are brand-name drugs not included in the formulary. If you have a triple-tier benefit, you will pay the highest copayment for these drugs. If you have a closed formulary benefit, these drugs will not be covered. However, generic equivalents and similar drugs with generic equivalents or formulary brand-name alternatives are available for many of these drugs. If you wish to know if it is possible to have your prescription changed to one of the products with a lower copayment, consult with your physician to see if a change is appropriate for you. Look for these drugs under “Tier 3 – Nonformulary Brand” in this guide.

The following chart shows how the copayments work within each tier:

Tier	Triple-Tier Plan	Two-Tier Closed Formulary Plan
Tier 1 – Generic	Lowest Copayment	Lower Copayment
Tier 2 – Formulary Brand	Higher Copayment	Higher Copayment
Tier 3 – Nonformulary Brand	Highest Copayment	Not Covered

Allergy, Asthma and Respiratory**Tier 1 - Generic**

Accuneb 1.25mg (g)
 Alupent Solution, Syrup (g)
 Atrovent Nasal, Solution (g)
 Flonase (g)
 Flunisolide Nasal Spray (g)
 Intal Solution (g)
 Mucomyst (g)
 Proventil/Ventolin (g)

Tier 2 - Formulary Brand

Accolate
 Advair Diskus, HFA
 Alupent MDI
 Asmanex
 Atrovent Inhaler
 Azmacort
 Beconase AQ
 Combivent
 Flovent Inhaler
 Foradil (PA)
 Intal Inhaler
 Maxair Autohaler
 Nasacort AQ
 Nasonex
 Proventil Inhaler
 Pulmicort, Respules
 Pulmozyme
 QVAR
 Rhinocort Aqua
 Serevent Diskus (PA)
 Singulair (PA)
 Spiriva
 Tilade
 Vospire ER

Tier 3 - Non-formulary Brand

Accuneb .63mg
 Aerobid, M
 DuoNeb
 Nasarel
 Ventolin HFA
 Xolair
 Xopenex, HFA

Antidepressants**Tier 1 - Generic**

Asendin (g)
 Celexa (g)
 Desyrel (g)

Antidepressants*continued*

Effexor (g)
 Elavil (g)
 Luvox (g)
 Norpramin (g)
 Pamelor/Aventyl (g)
 Paxil (g)
 Prozac (g)
 Remeron, Soltab (g)
 Sinequan/Adapin (g)
 Tofranil (g)
 Wellbutrin, SR (g)
 Zoloft (g)

Tier 2 - Formulary Brand

Effexor XR (ST)
 Lexapro (ST)
 Surmontil

Tier 3 - Non-formulary Brand

Cymbalta (ST)
 Emsam
 Marplan
 Paxil CR (ST) (PA)
 Pexeva (ST) (PA)
 Prozac Weekly (ST) (PA) (QL)
 Sarafem
 Tofranil PM
 Wellbutrin XL (ST) (PA)

Antifungals**Tier 1 - Generic**

Diflucan (g)
 Mycelex Troche (g)
 Nizoral (g)
 Nystatin (g)
 Sporanox Caps (g)

Tier 2 - Formulary Brand

Ancobon
 Fulvicin U/F
 Gris-Peg
 Lamisil Oral
 Vfend

Antihistamines and Decongestants**Tier 1 - Generic**

Allegra (g) (ST)
 Atarax/Vistaril (g)
 Benadryl (g)
 Claritin, Alavert (OTC) (g)
 Claritin-D 12 hr, 24 hr (OTC)

Antihistamines and Decongestants*continued*

Deconamine, SR, CX (g)
 Entex PSE (g)
 Periactin (g)
 Polaramine (g)
 Rynatan (g)
 Tavist-RX (g)

Tier 2 - Formulary Brand

Allegra D (ST)
 Astelin Nasal Spray

Tier 3 - Nonformulary Brand

Clarinet, Reditabs, D (ST)
 Zyrtec, D (ST)

Anti-infectives**Tier 1 - Generic**

Amoxicillin (g)
 Augmentin, ES (g)
 Bactrim, DS/Septa, DS (g)
 Biaxin, XL (g)
 Ceclor, CD (g)
 Ceftin (g)
 Cefzil (g)
 Cipro (g)
 Cleocin (g)
 Erythromycin (g)
 Floxin (g)
 Hiprex/Urex (g)
 Keflex (g)
 Macrobid (g)
 Macrodantin (g)
 Minocin/Dynacin (g)
 Monodox (g)
 Pediazole (g)
 Sporanox (g)
 Penicillin VK (g)
 Periostat (g)
 Sumycin (g)
 Vantin Tabs (g)
 Vibramycin/Vibratabs (g)
 Zithromax (g)

Tier 2 - Formulary Brand

Avelox, ABC
 Gantrisin Susp
 Omnicef
 Zyvox

Tier 3 - Nonformulary Brand

Adoxa
 Augmentin XR
 Cedax

Anti-infectives*continued*

Cipro XR
 Dispermox
 Dynabac
 Factive
 Keflex 750mg
 Ketek
 Levaquin
 Lorabid
 Maxaquin
 Monurol
 Noroxin
 Panixine
 PCE
 Proquin XR
 Raniclur
 Spectracef
 Suprax
 Tequin
 Vantin Susp
 Xifaxan (QL)
 Zmax

Cardiovascular (Heart and High Blood Pressure)**Tier 1 - Generic**

Accupril/Accuretic (g)
 Agrylin (g)
 Aldactone/Aldactazide (g)
 Betapace, AF (g)
 Blocadren (g)
 Bumex (g)
 Calan/Isoptin, SR (g)
 Capoten/Capozide (g)
 Cardene (g)
 Cardizem, SR, CD (g)
 Cardura (g)
 Catapress (g)
 Cordarone (g)
 Corgard (g)
 Coumadin (g)
 Demadex (g)
 Diamox (g)
 Digoxin Tabs (g)
 Diuril (g)
 Dynacirc (g)
 Enduron (g)
 Hydrodiuril/Oretic (g)

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(ST) Step therapy may be required

(QL) — Quantity limits may apply

(g) Drug is available as generic equivalent but is listed by its brand-name

(OTC) Over-the-counter product covered as Tier 1 (generic) copayment

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Cardiovascular (Heart and High Blood Pressure) <i>continued</i>	Cardiovascular (Heart and High Blood Pressure) <i>continued</i>	Central Nervous System <i>continued</i>	Cholesterol - Lowering <i>continued</i>
Hygroton, Thalitone (g) Hytrin (g) Inderal/Inderide (g) Ismo/Imdur (g) Isordil (g) Kerlone (g) Lasix (g) Lopressor, HCT (g) Lotensin, HCT (g) Lozol (g) Maxzide/Dyazide (g) Microzide (g) Midamor (g) Minipress (g) Moduretic (g) Monopril, HCT (g) Nitroglycerin (all) (g) Normodyne (g) Plendil (g) Pletal (g) Prinivil/Zestril (g) Prinzide/Zestoretic (g) Procardia, XL/Adalat CC (g) Rythmol (g) Sectral (g) Tenormin/Tenoretic (g) Tiazac (g) Ticlid (g) Vasotec/Vaseretic (g) Verelan (g) Visken (g) Zaroxolyn (g) Zebeta (g) Ziac (g)	Norvasc Plavix Timolide Toprol XL Uniretic Univas Tier 3 - Nonformulary Brand Aceon Aggrenox Altace Arixtra Atacand, HCT (ST) Avapro/Avalide (ST) Caduet Cardene SR Cardizem LA Corzide Diovan, HCT (ST) Dynacirc CR Fragmin Innohep Innopran XL Inspra Inversine Lanoxicaps Levatol Lexxel Mavik Miacardis, HCT (ST) Minizide Naturetin Rythmol SR Sular Tarka Teveten, HCT (ST) Verelan PM	Loxitane (g) Mellaril (g) Navane (g) Perphenazine (g) Prolixin, Decanoate (g) Ritalin, SR/Methylin, ER (g) Stelazine (g) Thorazine (g) Tier 2 - Formulary Brand Adderall XR Aricept, ODT Concerta Desoxyn Metadate CD Moban Namenda Orap Provigil Razadyne, ER Risperdal Seroquel Zyprexa, Zydis Tier 3 - Nonformulary Brand Abilify, Discmelt Cognex Daytrana Equetro Exelon Fazaclo Focalin, XR Geodon Methylin Chew, Solution Nimotop Risperdal M-Tab Ritalin LA Stratterra (PA) Symbyax	Niaspan Tricor Welchol Zetia (ST) Tier 3 - Nonformulary Advicor (ST) Altoprev (ST) Antara Caduet Colestid Crestor Lescol, XL (ST) Lipitor (effective 1/1/07) (ST) Omacor Pravachol 80mg (ST) Triglide Vytorin (ST)
Tier 2 - Formulary Brand Benicar, HCT (ST) Catapres-TTS Coreg Covera-HS Cozaar/Hyzaar (ST) Dyrenium Edecrin Inderal LA Digoxin Elixir Lotrel Lovenox	Central Nervous System Tier 1 - Generic Adderall (g) Clozaril (g) Dexedrine (g) Eskalith, CR/Lithionate (g) Haldol, Decanoate (g) Lithium Citrate (g) Lithobid (g)	Cholesterol - Lowering Tier 1 - Generics Lofibra (g) Lopid (g) Mevacor (g) Pravachol (except 80mg) (g) Questran, Light (g) Zocor (g) Tier 2 - Formulary Brand Crestor (effective 1/1/07) (ST)	Diabetes Treatment Tier 1 - Generic Amaryl (g) Glucophage, XR (g) Glucotrol, XL (g) Glucovance (g) Glynase (g) Metaglip (g) Micronase/Diabetra (g) Tier 2 - Formulary Brand Actos (ST) Avandia (ST) Insulin (all) Lantus Prandin Precose Tier 3 - Nonformulary Brand Actoplus Met (ST) Apidra Avandamet (ST) Avandaryl (ST) Byetta (PA) Exubera Fortamet Glyset Levemir Riomet Starlix Symlin

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Gastrointestinal Agents**Tier 1 – Generic**

Axid (g)
 Carafate (g)
 Cytotec (g)
 Pepcid (g)
 Prilosec (g) (except 40mg)
 Reglan (g)
 Tagamet (g)
 Zantac (g)

Tier 2 – Formulary Brand

Carafate Suspension
 Helidac
 Prevacid
 Prevpac

Tier 3 – Nonformulary Brand

Aciphex (ST)
 Nexium (ST)
 Prevacid SoluTab
 Prilosec 40mg
 Protonix (ST)
 Zantac Syrup, Granules,
 Efferdose
 Zegerid

Hormones and Birth Control**Tier 1 – Generic**

Allesse, Levlete (g)
 Alora (g) (QL)
 Androxy 10mg (g)
 Aygestin (g)
 Climara (g) (QL)
 Cyclessa (g)
 Danocrine (g)
 Demulen (g)
 Depo Provera (150mg) (g)
 Desogen, Ortho-Cept (g)
 Estrace (g)
 Estratest, HS (g)
 Lo/Ovral (g)
 Loestrin, Fe (g)
 Micronor, Nor-QD (g)
 Mircette (g)
 Modicon (g)
 Nordette, Levlen (g)
 Norinyl, Ortho-Novum (g)
 Ogen, Ortho-Est (g)
 Ortho Tri-Cyclen (g)
 Ortho-Cyclen (g)

Hormones and Birth Control *continued*

Ortho-Novum 7/7/7, 10/11 (g)
 Ovcon-35 (g)
 Ovral (g)
 Provera (g)
 Seasonale (g) (QL)
 Tri-Norinyl (g)
 Triphasil, Trilevlen (g)
 Vivelle, DOT (g) (except 0.0375mg)

Tier 2 – Formulary Brand

Androderm (QL)
 Crinone
 Delatestryl
 Depo-SubQ Provera 104
 Depo-Testosterone
 Estraderm (QL)
 Estring (QL)
 Estrostep FE
 Femhrt
 Ortho Evra (QL)
 Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo
 Ovrette
 Premarin, Low Dose
 Premphase
 Prempro, Low Dose
 Prometrium
 Vivelle DOT (0.0375mg only)

Tier 3 – Nonformulary Brand

Activella
 Anadrol-50
 Androgel (QL)
 Cenestin
 Climara Pro (QL)
 Combipatch (QL)
 Estrace Vaginal Cream
 Estrasorb
 Estrogel
 Femring (QL)
 Menest
 Menostar (QL)
 Methitest, Testred
 Nuvaring (QL)
 Ortho-Prefest
 Ovcon-50, Chew
 Oxandrin
 Seasonique (QL)
 Striant
 Testim

Hormones and Birth Control *continued*

Vagifem
 Yasmin
 Yaz

Migraine**Tier 1 – Generics**

Cafergot (g)
 D.H.E. 45 (g)
 Fioricet/Esgic, Plus (g)
 Fiorinal, w/ codeine (g)
 Midrin (g)
 Phrenilin, Forte, Axocet (g)
 Stadol NS (g)

Tier 2 – Formulary Brands

Ergomar
 Imitrex (QL)
 Maxalt, MLT (QL)
 Migranal (QL)
 Zomig, ZMT, Nasal Spray (QL)

Tier 3 – Nonformulary Brand

Amerge (QL)
 Axert (QL)
 Frova (QL)
 Relpax (QL)

Osteoporosis**Tier 1 – Generics**

See Hormones and Birth Control
 Didronel (g)

Tier 2 – Formulary Brands

See Hormones and Birth Control
 Actonel, Weekly, Plus Calcium (QL)
 Evista
 Fortical
 Fosamax, Weekly, Plus D (QL)
 Miacalcin-Nasal Spray, Injection

Tier 3 – Nonformulary Brand

Boniva (QL)
 Forteo

Pain and Arthritis**Tier 1 – Generics**

Anaprox, DS (g)
 Ansaed (g)
 Cataflam (g)
 Clinoril (g)

Pain and Arthritis *continued*

Daypro (g)
 Feldene (g)
 Indocin, SR (g)
 Lodine, XL (g)
 Meclomen (g)
 Mobic (g)
 Motrin (g)
 Naprelan 500mg (g)
 Naprosyn, EC (g)
 Orudis (g)
 Oruvail (g)
 Relafen (g)
 Tolectin, DS (g)
 Toradol (g) (QL)
 Voltaren, XR (g)

Tier 2 – Formulary Brand

Ponstel

Tier 3 – Nonformulary Brand

Arthrotec
 Celebrex (PA)
 Naprelan 375mg
 Prevacid Naprapac

Sleep and Anxiety**Tier 1 – Generic**

Ativan (g)
 Buspar (g)
 Dalmane (g)
 Halcion (g)
 Librium (g)
 ProSom (g)
 Restoril (g)
 Serax (g)
 Tranxene (g)
 Valium (g)
 Xanax, XR (g)

Tier 2 – Formulary Brand

Ambien

Tier 3 – Nonformulary Brand

Ambien CR
 Butisol Sodium
 Doral
 Libritabs
 Lunesta
 Niravam
 Rozerem
 Sonata
 Tranxene SD
 Xyrem

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Additional Tier 3 — Nonformulary

Acular, LS, PF	Denavir	Klaron	Psorcon E Ointment
Akne-Mycin	Depen	Levitra (QL)	Quixin
Alamast	Derma-Smoothe/FS	Locoid Lipocream	Raptiva
Aldara	Dermatop	Loprox Shampoo, Gel	Regranex
Amitiza	Desquam-E, X	Lotronex (PA)	Reprexain
Anamantle HC	Dipentum	Luveris	Revlimid
Anzemet (QL)	Ditropan XL	Luxiq	Sanctura
Apidra	Duac	Lyrca (PA)	Santyl
Aranesp	Edex (QL)	Marinol	Serostim (PA)
Aristocort A	Elestat	Menopur	Solaraze
AVC	Eligard	Mentax	Soltamox
Avinza	Emadine	Meridia	Stalevo
Avodart	Enablex	Myfortic	Supervite
Azelex	Entocort EC	Naftin	Targetin Gel
Azilect	Epogen	Neulasta (QL)	Tasmar
Benzac AC, W, Wash	Ertaczo	Nevanac	Tev-Tropin (PA)
Benzaclin	Evoclin Foam	Nicotrol, Inhaler, Nasal Spray	Triaz
Benzagel, Benzashave, Brevoxyl	Evoxac	Niferex Forte	Ultram ER
Betaseron	Exelderm	Norditropin (PA)	Vanos Cream
Carbatrol	Finacea	Noritate	Vesicare
Campral (PA)	Flomax	Numorphan	Viadur
Carbilev	Follistim	Nutrifac ZX	Visicol
Cardura XL	Fosrenol	Olux	Xalatan
Carmol HC	Genotropin (PA)	Optivar	Xenical
Centany	Golytely Packets	Oracea	Xibrom
Chantix	Gynazole-1	Oradisc A	Xodol
Cleocin Vaginal Ovules	Halflytely (QL)	Orapred	Zavesca
Clindesse	Halog, E	Oxistat	Z-Clinz 5
Clinac BPO	Humatrope (PA)	Oxytrol (QL)	Zelnorm (PA)
Clobex	Humira (PA)	Pandel	Zorbtive (PA)
Coly-Mycin S	Increlex	Parcopa	Zydone
Combunox	iPlex	Penlac	Zymar
Cortisporin-TC	Kadian	PhosLo	
Darvon-N	Kineret	Pramosone	
	Levemir	Protopic	