

Drugs requiring step therapy

**2023 Performance Generic Step Therapy
for Aetna Standard Opt Out Plan and Basic
Control Plan**



The drugs on this list require step therapy. If you have a medical need for one of these drugs, your doctor can ask for an exception.

Brand Medications Requiring Use of Generics First

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

Key

UPPERCASE	Brand-name medicine
<i>lowercase italics</i>	Generic medicine

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Drug class*	Step 1: You will have to try one of these generic medications first:	Step 2: Before you can try one of these non-preferred brand drugs:	These preferred select brand drugs do not require use of a generic first:	
ACE Inhibitors/Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonists (ARBs)/ Direct Renin Inhibitors/ Combinations	<i>aliskiren</i> <i>amlodipine-benazepril</i> <i>benazepril/benazepril HCTZ</i> <i>candesartan/candesartan HCTZ</i> <i>captopril</i> <i>enalapril/enalapril HCTZ</i> <i>fosinopril/fosinopril HCTZ</i> <i>irbesartan/irbesartan HCTZ</i> <i>lisinopril/lisinopril HCTZ</i> <i>losartan/losartan HCTZ</i>	<i>olmesartan/amlodipine HCTZ</i> <i>olmesartan/olmesartan HCTZ</i> <i>quinapril/quinapril HCTZ</i> <i>ramipril</i> <i>telmisartan/telmisartan HCTZ</i> <i>trandolapril</i> <i>trandolapril-verapamil ext-rel</i> <i>valsartan/valsartan HCTZ</i>	EDARBI EDARBYCLOR	TEKTURNA HCT
Beta Agonists, Short Acting	<i>albuterol HFA</i> (except NDC^ 66993001968) <i>levalbuterol HFA</i>	PROAIR DIGIHALER PROAIR RESPICLICK	Preferred brand not available in class	
Bisphosphonates/Combinations	<i>alendronate</i> <i>ibandronate</i>	<i>risedronate</i>	BINOSTO FOSAMAX PLUS D	Preferred brand not available in class

*Please note: A member's Plan determines whether the member must try two generics before a brand-name drug is allowed in select drug classes.

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COX-2 Inhibitors/Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory (NSAIDs)/Combinations	<i>celecoxib</i> <i>diclofenac</i> <i>sodium-misoprostol</i> (Additional generic NSAIDs available)	<i>meloxicam tabs</i> <i>naproxen tabs</i> <i>naproxen ext-rel</i>	VIVLODEX Preferred brand not available in class
HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (HMGs or Statins)/Combinations	<i>amlodipine/atorvastatin</i> <i>atorvastatin</i> <i>ezetimibe-simvastatin</i> <i>fluvastatin</i> <i>lovastatin</i>	<i>pravastatin</i> <i>rosuvastatin</i> (except <i>rosuvastatin tablet 40mg</i>) <i>simvastatin</i>	ALTOPREV LIVALO Preferred brand not available in class
Nasal Steroids/Combinations	<i>azelastine-fluticasone</i> <i>flunisolide</i> <i>fluticasone</i> <i>mometasone</i>	BECONASE AQ OMNARIS QNASL RYALTRIS ZETONNA	Preferred brand not available in class
Sleeping Agents	<i>doxepin tabs</i> <i>eszopiclone</i> <i>ramelteon</i> <i>zaleplon</i> <i>zolpidem/zolpidem ext-rel</i>	EDLUAR QUVIVIQ ZOLPIMIST	BELSOMRA
Urinary Antispasmodics	<i>darifenacin ext-rel</i> <i>fesoterodine</i> <i>oxybutynin/oxybutynin ext-rel</i> <i>solifenacin</i> <i>tolterodine/tolterodine ext-rel</i> <i>trospium/trospium ext-rel</i>	GELNIQUE MYRBETRIQ OXYTROL	GEMTESA TOVIAZ

This is not an inclusive list.

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