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Brand-Name Medications Requiring Use of Generic(s) 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 chart below 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.

| Generic Step Therapy FR | | |
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| Drug Class | Drugs Requiring Step Therapy* | Covered Generic Options |
| Migraine, Selective Serotonin Agonists / Combinations | Onzetra Xsail Zembrace Symtouch | almotriptan eletriptan frovatriptan naratriptan rizatriptan sumatriptan sumatriptan sumatriptan sumatriptan/naproxen zolmitriptan |
| Prostaglandin Analogues and Combinations | | bimatoprost 0.03% latanoprost tafluprost travoprost |
| Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) | Trintellix | citalopram escitalopram fluoxetine (except fluoxetine tablet 60 mg) fluvoxamine/fluvoxamine ext-rel olanzapine/fluoxetine paroxetine HCl/paroxetine HCl ext- rel sertraline |
| Sleeping Agents | Belsomra Dayvigo Quviviq | doxepin tabs eszopiclone ramelteon zaleplon zolpidem/zolpidem ext-rel |
| Urinary Antispasmodics Please note: A Member's Plan determines whether one or two generics must be tried first | Gelnique Gemtesa (1 prerequisite only) | darifenacin ext-rel fesoterodine oxybutynin/oxybutynin ext-rel solifenacin tolterodine/tolterodine ext-rel trospium/trospium ext-rel |

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



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