

Drugs Moving to a Non-Preferred Brand Level

(higher out-of-pocket cost for you)
Effective: On or after January 1, 2024
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Drug ¹	Condition Used For	Preferred Alternatives ²
ACETAMINOPHEN/CODEINE (acetaminophen w/ codeine soln 120-12 mg/5 mL)	Pain	amiloride hcl tab 5 mg, hydrochlorothiazide tab 50 mg
ALBUTEROL SULFATE (albuterol sulfate soln nebu 0.5% (5 mg/mL))	Asthma	albuterol sulfate soln nebu 0.083% (2.5 mg/3 mL), albuterol sulfate soln nebu 0.63 mg/3 mL
AMILORIDE/HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE (amiloride & hydrochlorothiazide tab 5-50 mg)	Hypertension	amiloride hcl tab 5 mg, hydrochlorothiazide tab 50 mg
APRACLONIDINE (apraclonidine hcl ophth soln 0.5% (base equivalent))	Glaucoma, Post surgical ocular hypertension	brimonidine tartrate ophth soln 0.2%
BETAXOLOL HCL (betaxolol hcl ophth soln 0.5%)	Glaucoma	timolol maleate ophth soln 0.25%, timolol maleate ophth soln 0.5%
CROMOLYN SODIUM (cromolyn sodium ophth soln 4%)	Keratitis, conjunctivitis	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
EFAVIRENZ (efavirenz cap 50 mg, 200 mg)	HIV	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
HYDROCORTISONE/ACETIC ACID (hydrocortisone w/ acetic acid otic soln 1-2%)	Ear Infections	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE (isosorbide mononitrate tab 10 mg, 20 mg)	Angina	isosorbide mononitrate er tablet, isosorbide dinitrate tablet
LEVOFLOXACIN (levofloxacin ophth soln 0.5%)	Bacterial Infections	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
LEVOFLOXACIN (levofloxacin oral soln 25 mg/mL)	Bacterial Infections	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
LOTEPREDNOL ETABONATE (loteprednol etabonate ophth gel 0.5%)	Ocular Inflammation/Pain	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
MELPHALAN (melphalan tab 2 mg)	Cancer	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.

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MESALAMINE DR (mesalamine tab delayed release 800 mg)	Ulcerative Colitis	mesalamine tab delayed release 400 mg
NAFRINSE DROPS (sodium fluoride soln 0.125 mg/drop f (0.275 mg/drop naf))	Dental Caries Prophylaxis	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
NP THYROID 15 (thyroid tab 15 mg (1/4 grain))	Hypothyroidism	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
NP THYROID 30 (thyroid tab 30 mg (1/2 grain))	Hypothyroidism	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
NP THYROID 60 (thyroid tab 60 mg (1 grain))	Hypothyroidism	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
NP THYROID 90 (thyroid tab 90 mg (1 1/2 grain))	Hypothyroidism	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
NP THYROID 120 (thyroid tab 120 mg (2 grain))	Hypothyroidism	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
OXANDROLONE (oxandrolone tab 2.5 mg, 10 mg)	Promotes Weight Gain	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE (perindopril erbumine tab 8 mg)	Hypertension	perindopril erbumine tab 4 mg
PHENELZINE SULFATE (phenelzine sulfate tab 15 mg)	Depression	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
PODOFILOX (podofilox soln 0.5%)	Warts	imiquimod cream 5%
PREDNISOLONE (prednisolone soln 15 mg/5 mL)	Inflammatory Conditions	prednisolone sod phosph oral soln 6.7 mg/5 mL (5 mg/5 mL base)
PROMETHAZINE VC (promethazine & phenylephrine syrup 6.25-5 mg/5 mL)	Upper Respiratory Symptoms	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
PROMETHAZINE VC/CODEINE (promethazine-phenylephrine-codeine syrup 0.25-5-10 mg/5 mL)	Cough, Upper Respiratory Symptoms	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
QUINAPRIL/HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE (quinapril-hydrochlorothiazide tab 20-12.5 mg, 20-25 mg)	Hypertension	lisinopril/hydrochlorothiazide tablets, quinapril tablets, hydrochlorothiazide tablets
RIBAVIRIN (ribavirin tab 200 mg)	Hepatitis C	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
TELMISARTAN/AMLODIPINE (telmisartan-amlodipine tab 40-5 mg, 40-10 mg, 80-5 mg, 80-10 mg)	Hypertension	telmisartan tab 40 mg, amlodipine tab 10 mg, amlodipine-valsartan, amlodipine-olmesartan

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VELIVET (desogest-ethin est tab 0.1-0.025/0.125-0.025/0.15-0.025 mg-mg)	Contraception	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.

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ADVAIR DISKUS (fluticasone-salmeterol aer powder ba 100-50 mcg/act, 250-50 mcg/act, 500-50 mcg/act)	Asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
ALPRAZOLAM INTENSOL (alprazolam conc 1 mg/ml)	Anxiety	alprazolam tablet, diazepam oral solution, diazepam concentrate oral solution, lorazepam concentrate oral solution
alprazolam orally disintegrating tab 0.25 mg, 0.5 mg, 1 mg, 2 mg	Anxiety	alprazolam tablet, diazepam oral solution, diazepam concentrate oral solution, lorazepam concentrate oral solution
APO-VARENICLINE (varenicline tartrate tab 0.5 mg, 1 mg (base equivalent))	Smoking cessation	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
ATROPINE SULFATE (atropine sulfate ophth soln 1%)	Amblyopia/Cycloplegia	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
AUBAGIO (teriflunomide tab 7 mg, 14 mg)	Multiple Sclerosis	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
calcitriol oral soln 1 mcg/mL	Hypocalcemia associated with hypoparathyroidism/ Secondary Hyperparathyroidism in Chronic Kidney Disease	calcitriol capsule
CARDIZEM LA (diltiazem hcl tab er 24hr 120 mg)	Angina, Hypertension, Atrial Fibrillation/Flutter	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.

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CELONTIN (methsuximide cap 300 mg)	Absence Seizures, refractory	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
CHORIONIC GONADOTROPIN (chorionic gonadotropin for im inj 10000 unit)	Ovulation induction, Cryptorchidism, Hypogonadism	OVIDREL, PREGNYL
colesevelem hcl packet for susp 3.75 gm	Hypercholesterolemia	colesevelam tablet
DALIRESP (roflumilast tab 250 mcg, 500 mcg)	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
dantrolene sodium cap 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg	Muscle spasms	baclofen tablet
DELESTROGEN (estradiol valerate im in oil 10 mg/mL)	Vasomotor Symptoms/Vulvar and Vaginal Atrophy/ Hypoestrogenism/Prostate Cancer	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
diltiazem hcl coated beads tab er 24hr 420 mg	Angina, Hypertension	diltiazem hcl coated beads capsule 24hr
diltiazem hcl coated beads tab sr 24hr 420 mg	Angina, Hypertension	diltiazem hcl coated beads capsule 24hr
diltiazem hcl tab er 24hr 420 mg	Angina, Hypertension	diltiazem sr 420 mg capsule
DIVIGEL (estradiol td gel 0.25 mg/0.25 gm (0.1%), 0.5 mg/0.5 gm (0.1%), 0.75 mg/0.5 gm (0.1%), 1 mg/gm (0.1%), 1.25 mg/1.25 gm (0.1%))	Menopausal vasomotor symptoms	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
doxercalciferol cap 0.5 mcg, 1 mcg, 2.5 mcg	Secondary Hyperparathyroidism	calcitriol capsule
dutasteride cap 0.5 mcg, 1 mcg, 2.5 mcg	Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH)	dutasteride, tamsulosin
ESBRIET (pirfenidone cap 267 mg)	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
FARYDAK (panobinostat lactate cap 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg (base equivalent))	Cancer	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
FIRVANQ (vancomycin hcl for oral soln 25 mg/mL, 50 mg/mL (base equivalent))	C. Difficile Infection, Staphylococcal Enterocolitis	vancomycin solution 50 mg/mL
FLOVENT DISKUS (fluticasone propionate aer pow ba 50 mcg/act, 100 mcg/act, 250 mcg/act) <i>(manufacturer to discontinue product in early 2024)</i>	Asthma	ARNUITY, ASMANEX, QVAR

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FLOVENT HFA (fluticasone propionate hfa inhal aero 44 mcg/act (50/valve), 110 mcg/act (125/valve), 220 mcg/act (250/valve)) <i>(manufacturer to discontinue product in early 2024)</i>	Asthma	ARNUITY, ASMANEX, QVAR
GILENYA (fingolimod hcl cap 0.5 mg (base equivalent))	Multiple Sclerosis	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
HETLIOZ (tasimelteon capsule 20 mg)	Sleep Disorders	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
IRESSA (gefitinib tab 250 mg)	Cancer	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
isradipine cap 2.5 mg, 5 mg	Hypertension	amlodipine besylate tablet, nifedipine tablet er 24hr
LAMICTAL ODT (lamotrigine tab disint 21 x 25 mg & 7 x 50 mg, 42 x 50 mg & 14 x 100 mg titration kit)	Bipolar disorder, Seizures	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
lamotrigine tab disint 21 x 25 mg & 7 x 50 mg, 42 x 50 mg & 14 x 100 mg titration kit	Bipolar disorder, Seizures	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
LATUDA (lurasidone hcl tab 20 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 120 mg)	Bipolar Major Depression/Schizophrenia	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
MIRVASO (brimonidine tartrate gel 0.33% (base equivalent))	Rosacea	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
nicardipine hcl cap 20 mg, 30 mg	Hypertension/Angina	amlodipine besylate tablet, nifedipine tablet er 24hr
NISOLDIPINE ER (nisoldipine tab sr 24hr 20 mg, 25.5 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg)	Hypertension	amlodipine besylate tablet, nifedipine tablet er 24hr
NITROMIST (nitroglycerin lingual aerosol 400 mcg/spray)	Angina	nitroglycerin lingual 400 mcg/spray
NOVAREL (chorionic gonadotropin for im inj 5000 unit, 10000 unit)	Ovulation induction, Cryptorchidism, Hypogonadism	OVIDREL, PREGNYL

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NOXAFIL (posaconazole susp 40 mcg/mL)	Fungal Infections	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
ORFADIN (nitisinone cap 20 mg)	Type 1 Hereditary Tyrosinemia	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
OXYMORPHONE HYDROCHLORIDE ER (oxymorphone hcl tab er 12hr 5 mg, 7.5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg)	Pain	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
paricalcitol cap 1 mcg, 2 mcg, 4 mcg	Secondary Hyperparathyroidism in Chronic Kidney Disease	calcitriol capsule
PRADAXA (dabigatran etexilate mesylate cap 150 mg (etexilate base eq))	Thromboembolism/stroke prophylaxis, DVT/PE Treatment, DVT/PA Prophylaxis	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
PRENATABS RX (prenatal vit w/ iron carbonyl-fa tab 29-1 mg)	Prenatal vitamins	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
PREZISTA (darunavir tab 600 mg, 800 mg)	HIV	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
risedronate sodium tab delayed release 35 mg	Osteoporosis treatment	risedronate tablet 35 mg
sapropterin dihydrochloride (Javygtor) powder packet 100 mg, 500 mg	Phenylketonuria	sapropterin dihydrochloride powder packet
sapropterin dihydrochloride (Javygtor) tab 100 mg	Phenylketonuria	sapropterin dihydrochloride tablet
SUMATRIPTAN SUCCINATE REFILL (sumatriptan succinate solution cartridge 4 mg/0.5 mL, 6 mg/0.5 mL)	Migraine	sumatriptan succinate solution auto injector
SUPREP BOWEL PREP KIT (sod sulfate-pot sulf-mg sulf oral sol 17.5-3.13-1.5 gm/17 mL)	Bowel prep	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
SYMBICORT (budesonide-formoterol fumarate aerosol 80-4.5 mcg/act, 160-4.5 mcg/act)	Asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
TAZORAC (tazarotene gel 0.5%, 1%)	Plaque Psoriasis, Acne Vulgaris	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.

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telmisartan-hydrochlorothiazide tab 40-12.5 mg, 80-12.5 mg, 80-25 mg	Hypertension	losartan-hydrochlorothiazide tablet, telmisartan tablet, hydrochlorothiazide tablet
TRANDOLAPRIL/VERAPAMIL HCL ER (trandolapril-verapamil hcl tab er 1-240 mg, 2-180 mg, 2-240 mg, 4-240 mg)	Hypertension	amlodipine-benazepril capsule
TRIMETHOPRIM (trimethoprim tab 100 mg)	Bacterial Infections	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
TROKENDI XR (topiramate cap er 24hr 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg)	Epilepsy, Migraine	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
UCERIS (budesonide rectal foam 2 mg/act)	Inflammatory Bowel Disease	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
VERAPAMIL HCL ER (verapamil hcl cap er 24hr 100 mg, 300 mg, 360 mg)	Arrythmia/ Hypertension/ Angina	verapamil hcl capsule er 24hr
VERAPAMIL HYDROCHLORIDE ER (verapamil hcl cap er 24hr 100 mg)	Arrythmia/ Hypertension/ Angina	verapamil er 120 mg cap, verapamil er 120 mg tab
VERAPAMIL HYDROCHLORIDE ER (verapamil hcl cap er 24hr 200 mg)	Arrythmia/ Hypertension/ Angina	verapamil capsule er 24hr
VERELAN PM (verapamil hcl cap er 24hr 100 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg)	Arrythmia/ Hypertension/ Angina	verapamil capsule er 24hr
VICTOZA (liraglutide soln pen-injector 18 mg/3 mL (6 mg/mL))	Diabetes	MOUNJARO, OZEMPIC, RYBELSUS, TRULICITY
XYREM (sodium oxybate oral solution 500 mg/mL)	Cataplexy	sodium oxybate oral solution 500 mg/mL, Xywav (calcium, mag, potassium & sod oxybates oral soln 500 mg/mL)

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