

Drugs Moving to a Non-Preferred Brand Level

(higher out-of-pocket cost for you)

Effective: On or after January 1, 2026

(changes known as of October 1, 2025)

Drug¹	Condition Used For	Preferred Alternatives²
ACETAMINOPHEN/CODEINE (acetaminophen w/ codeine soln 120-12 mg/5 ml)	Pain	acetaminophen w/ codeine tablet
ALCLOMETASONE DIPROPIONATE (alclometasone dipropionate oint 0.05%)	Disorder of skin	alclometasone dipropionate cream 0.05%
BETAMETHASONE VALERATE (betamethasone valerate lotion 0.1% (base equivalent))	Dermatoses	triamcinolone acetonide lotion 0.025%
CEFPODOXIME PROXETIL (cefpodoxime proxetil for susp 50 mg/5 ml, 100 mg/5 ml)	Infections	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
CHENODAL (chenodiol tab 250 mg)	Gallstones	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
CHLOROQUINE PHOSPHATE (chloroquine phosphate tab 250 mg)	Malaria	chloroquine phosphate tab 500 mg
CYCLOSERINE (cycloserine cap 250 mg)	Tuberculosis	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
DESMOPRESSIN ACETATE (desmopressin acetate nasal spray soln 0.01%)	Central diabetes insipidus	desmopressin acetate nasal spray soln 0.01% (refrigerated)
E.E.S. 400 (erythromycin ethylsuccinate tab 400 mg)	Infections	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.

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Please note: Alternative drugs used to treat the same condition as a non-preferred brand drug may have different active ingredients (i.e., they work in a different way but resolve the same problem).

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EFAVIRENZ/LAMIVUDINE/TENOFOVIR DISOPROXIL FUMARATE (efavirenz-lamivudine-tenofovir df tab 400-300-300 mg)	HIV	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
FENTANYL CITRATE ORAL TRANSMUCOSAL (fentanyl citrate lozenge on a handle 200 mcg, 400 mcg, 600 mcg, 800 mcg, 1200 mcg, 1600 mcg)	Pain	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
HYDROCORTISONE (hydrocortisone perianal cream 1%)	Pruritus, Dermatoses	budesonide rectal foam 2 mg/act, hydrocortisone perianal cream 2.5%
ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE (isosorbide mononitrate tab 10 mg, 20 mg)	Angina	isosorbide mononitrate tablet ER, isosorbide dinitrate tablet 5 mg, isosorbide dinitrate tablet 10 mg, isosorbide dinitrate tab 20 mg, isosorbide dinitrate tablet 30 mg
METHOTREXATE SODIUM (methotrexate sodium inj 50 mg/2 ml (25 mg/ml))	Cancer	methotrexate sodium inj PF 50 mg/2 ml (25 mg/ml)
PROCTOCORT (hydrocortisone perianal cream 1%)	Pruritus, Dermatoses	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
PROPRANOLOL HYDROCHLORIDE (propranolol hcl oral soln 20 mg/5 ml)	Hypertension	propranolol hydrochloride capsules, propranolol hydrochloride tablets
SODIUM FLUORIDE 5000 PPM ENAMEL PROTECT (sodium fluoride-potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Tooth decay prevention	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
SODIUM FLUORIDE 5000 PPM SENSITIVE (sodium fluoride-potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Tooth decay prevention	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
SODIUM FLUORIDE/POTASSIUM NITRATE/SENSITIVE (sodium fluoride-potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Tooth decay prevention	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.

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SPS (sodium polystyrene sulfonate rectal susp 30 gm/120 ml)	Hyperkalemia	SPS (sodium polystyrene sulfonate susp 15 gm/60 ml)

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ACTHAR GEL (corticotropin subcutaneous gel auto-injector 40 unit/0.5 ml, 80 unit/ml)	Inflammatory Conditions, Multiple Sclerosis	Acthar injection 80 unit/ml
ADALIMUMAB-ADAZ (adalimumab-adaz soln prefilled syringe 10 mg/0.1 ml, 20 mg/0.2 ml, 40 mg/0.4 ml)	Autoimmune Disorders	ADALIMUMAB-AATY, ADALIMUMAB-ADBM
ADALIMUMAB-ADAZ (adalimumab-adaz soln auto-injector 40 mg/0.4 ml, 80 mg/0.8 ml)	Autoimmune Disorders	ADALIMUMAB-AATY, ADALIMUMAB-ADBM
alendronate sodium oral soln 70 mg/75 ml	Osteoporosis	alendronate tablet 70 mg
APTIOM (eslicarbazepine acetate tab 200 mg, 400 mg, 600 mg, 800 mg)	Seizures	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.

BRILINTA (ticagrelor tab 60 mg, 90 mg)	Cardiovascular risk reduction	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
COMPLERA (emtricitabine-rilpivirine-tenofovir df tab 200-25-300 mg)	HIV	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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DIFICID (fidaxomicin tab 200 mg)	Clostridium difficile diarrhea	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
ENTRESTO (sacubitril-valsartan tab 24-26 mg, 49-51 mg, 97-103 mg)	Heart Failure	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
fluocinolone acetonide cream 0.025%	Dermatoses, Atopic dermatitis, Scalp Psoriasis	desonide ointment 0.05%
FLURBIPROFEN (flurbiprofen tab 50 mg, 100 mg)	Osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis	diclofenac tablet, ibuprofen tablet, indomethacin capsule, meloxicam tablet, naproxen tablet, oxaprozin 600mg
flurbiprofen tab 100 mg	Osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis	diclofenac tablet, ibuprofen tablet, indomethacin capsule, meloxicam tablet, naproxen tablet, oxaprozin 600 mg
FYCOMPA (perampanel tab 2 mg, 4 mg, 6 mg, 8 mg, 10 mg, 12 mg)	Seizures	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
GALZIN (zinc acetate cap 25 mg, 50 mg (elemental zinc))	Wilson's Disease	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
HADLIMA (adalimumab-bwwd soln prefilled syringe 40 mg/0.4 ml, 40 mg/0.8 ml)	Autoimmune Disorders	ADALIMUMAB-AATY, ADALIMUMAB-ADBM
HADLIMA PUSHTOUCH (adalimumab-bwwd soln auto-injector 40 mg/0.4 ml, 40 mg/0.8 ml)	Autoimmune Disorders	ADALIMUMAB-AATY, ADALIMUMAB-ADBM

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HUMIRA (adalimumab prefilled syringe kit 10 mg/0.1 ml, 20 mg/0.2 ml, 40 mg/0.4 ml, 40 mg/0.8 ml)	Autoimmune Disorders	ADALIMUMAB-AATY, ADALIMUMAB-ADBM
HUMIRA pediatric crohns disease starter pack (adalimumab prefilled syringe kit 40 mg/0.4 ml, 80 mg/0.8 ml)	Autoimmune Disorders	ADALIMUMAB-AATY, ADALIMUMAB-ADBM
HUMIRA pen (adalimumab auto-injector kit 40 mg/0.4 ml, 40 mg/0.8 ml, 80 mg/0.8 ml)	Autoimmune Disorders	ADALIMUMAB-AATY, ADALIMUMAB-ADBM
HUMIRA pen-cd/uc/hs starter (adalimumab auto-injector kit 40 mg/0.8 ml, 80 mg/0.8 ml)	Autoimmune Disorders	ADALIMUMAB-AATY, ADALIMUMAB-ADBM
HUMIRA pen-pediatric uc starter pack (adalimumab auto-injector kit 80 mg/0.8 ml)	Autoimmune Disorders	ADALIMUMAB-AATY, ADALIMUMAB-ADBM
HUMIRA pen-ps/uv starter (adalimumab auto-injector kit 40 mg/0.4 ml, 80 mg/0.8 ml)	Autoimmune Disorders	ADALIMUMAB-AATY, ADALIMUMAB-ADBM
LUCEMYRA (lofexidine hcl tab 0.18 mg (base equivalent))	Opioid withdrawal	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
MESNEX (mesna tab 400 mg)	Hemorrhagic Cystitis Prophylaxis	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
METHOTREXATE SODIUM (methotrexate sodium inj pf 1000 mg/40 ml (25 mg/ml))	Cancer	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
MIGLITOL (miglitol tab 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg)	Diabetes	acarbose tablet 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg

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miglitol tab 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg	Diabetes	acarbose tablet 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg
MORPHINE SULFATE (morphine sulfate oral soln 20 mg/5 ml)	Pain	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
NEXIUM (esomeprazole magnesium for delayed release susp pack 2.5 mg, 5 mg)	Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
NITROLINGUAL (nitroglycerin tl soln 0.4 mg/spray (400 mcg/spray))	Agina	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
NYVEPRIA (pegfilgrastim-apgf soln prefilled syringe 6 mg/0.6 ml)	Neutropenia	FULPHILA, NEULASTA
OCALIVA (obeticholic acid tab 5 mg, 10 mg)	Biliary cholangitis	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
ONETOUCH ULTRA (glucose blood test strip)	Diabetes	Contour, Freestyle, Precision (A free blood glucose meter is available for the preferred brands. See flyer at bcbstx.com/prescription-drugs/benefits for more information.)
ONETOUCH ULTRA BLUE TEST STRIP (glucose blood test strip)	Diabetes	Contour, Freestyle, Precision (A free blood glucose meter is available for the preferred brands. See flyer at bcbstx.com/prescription-drugs/benefits for more information.)
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ONETOUCH ULTRA CONTROL (*blood glucose calibration - liquid***)	Diabetes	Contour blood glucose calibration liquid, Freestyle blood glucose calibration liquid, MediSense blood glucose calibration liquid, Precision blood glucose calibration liquid
ONETOUCH ULTRA CONTROL SOLUTION (*blood glucose calibration - liquid***)	Diabetes	Contour blood glucose calibration liquid, Freestyle blood glucose calibration liquid, MediSense blood glucose calibration liquid, Precision blood glucose calibration liquid
ONETOUCH ULTRA TEST STRIPS (glucose blood test strip)	Diabetes	Contour, Freestyle, Precision (A free blood glucose meter is available for the preferred brands. See flyer at bcbstx.com/prescription-drugs/benefits for more information.)
ONETOUCH VERIO LEVEL 3 CONTROL SOLUTION (*blood glucose calibration - liquid***)	Diabetes	Contour blood glucose calibration liquid, Freestyle blood glucose calibration liquid, MediSense blood glucose calibration liquid, Precision blood glucose calibration liquid
ONETOUCH VERIO LEVEL 4 CONTROL SOLUTION (*blood glucose calibration - liquid - high***)	Diabetes	Contour blood glucose calibration liquid, Freestyle blood glucose calibration liquid, MediSense blood glucose calibration liquid, Precision blood glucose calibration liquid
ONETOUCH VERIO TEST STRIPS (glucose blood test strip)	Diabetes	Contour, Freestyle, Precision (A free blood glucose meter is available for the preferred brands. See flyer at bcbstx.com/prescription-drugs/benefits for more information.)
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OXBRYTA (voxelotor tab 300 mg, 500 mg)	Sickle Cell Disease	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
OXBRYTA (voxelotor tab for oral susp 300 mg)	Sickle Cell Disease	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
PREVIDENT RINSE (sodium fluoride rinse 0.2%)	Tooth decay prevention	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
PROMACTA (eltrombopag olamine powder pack for susp 12.5 mg, 25 mg (base eq))	Aplastic anemia, Thrombocytopenia	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
PROMACTA (eltrombopag olamine tab 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg (base equiv))	Aplastic anemia, Thrombocytopenia	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
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 6.25-5-10 mg/5 ml)	Cough, Upper Respiratory Symptoms	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
promethazine-phenylephrine-codeine syrup 6.25-5-10 mg/5 ml	Cough, Upper Respiratory Symptoms	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
PURIXAN (mercaptopurine susp 2000 mg/100 ml (20 mg/ml))	Cancer	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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QSYMIA (phentermine hcl-topiramate cap er 24hr 3.75-23 mg, 7.5-46 mg, 15-92 mg)	Obesity	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
REVLIMID (lenalidomide cap 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg, 25 mg)	Cancer	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
risedronate sodium tab 5 mg	Osteoporosis	alendronate tablet 10 mg
SAFYRAL (drospirenone-ethinyl estrad-levomefolate tab 3-0.03-0.451 mg)	Contraception	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
SAJAZIR (icatibant acetate subcutaneous soln pref syr 30 mg/3 ml)	Hereditary angioedema	icatibant acetate subcutaneous soln pref syr 30 mg/3 ml
SELARSDI (ustekinumab-aekn soln prefilled syringe 45 mg/0.5 ml, 90 mg/ml)	Autoimmune Disorders	STEQEYMA, YESINTEK
SIMLANDI (adalimumab-ryvk prefilled syringe kit 20 mg/0.2 ml, 40 mg/0.4 ml, 80 mg/0.8 ml)	Autoimmune Disorders	ADALIMUMAB-AATY, ADALIMUMAB-ADBM
SIMLANDI 1-PEN KIT (adalimumab-ryvk auto-injector kit 40 mg/0.4 ml, 80 mg/0.8 ml)	Autoimmune Disorders	ADALIMUMAB-AATY, ADALIMUMAB-ADBM
SIMLANDI 2-PEN KIT (adalimumab-ryvk auto-injector kit 40 mg/0.4 ml)	Autoimmune Disorders	ADALIMUMAB-AATY, ADALIMUMAB-ADBM
SOOLANTRA (ivermectin cream 1%)	Rosacea	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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SPIRIVA HANDIHALER (tiotropium bromide monohydrate inhal cap 18 mcg (base equiv))	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	INCRUSE ELLIPTA, SPIRIVA RESPIMAT
SPRYCEL (dasatinib tab 20 mg, 50 mg, 70 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, 140 mg)	Cancer	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
STELARA (ustekinumab inj 45 mg/0.5 ml)	Autoimmune Disorders	Steqeyma, Yesintek
STELARA (ustekinumab soln prefilled syringe 45 mg/0.5 ml, 90 mg/ml)	Autoimmune Disorders	Steqeyma, Yesintek
STENDRA (avanafil tab 50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg)	Erectile dysfunction	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
TASIGNA (nilotinib hcl cap 50 mg, 150 mg, 200 mg (base equivalent))	Cancer	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
TAZORAC (tazarotene cream 0.05%)	Plaque Psoriasis	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
TRACLEER (bosentan tab for oral susp 32 mg)	Pulmonary arterial hypertension	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
VELPHORO (sucroferric oxyhydroxide chew tab 500 mg)	Hyperphosphatemia	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.

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ZIEXTENZO (pegfilgrastim-bmez soln prefilled syringe 6 mg/0.6 ml)	Neutropenia, acute hematopoietic radiation injury syndrome	FULPHILA, NEULASTA

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