

2006 EMPIRE PLAN PREFERRED DRUG LIST

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The following is a list of the most commonly prescribed generic and brand-name drugs included on the 2006 Empire Plan Preferred Drug List. **This is not a complete list of all prescription drugs on the preferred drug list or covered under the Empire Plan.** This list is subject to change. For specific questions about your prescriptions, coverage and copayments, please call The Empire Plan toll free at 1-877-7-NYSHIP (1-877-769-7447) and select The Empire Plan Prescription Drug Program.

For the enrollee: Enrollees are encouraged to ask their doctors to prescribe generic versions of brand-name drugs whenever appropriate as this will result in a lower copayment. Generic medications contain the same active ingredients as their corresponding brand-name medications, although they may look different in color or shape. They have been FDA-approved under strict standards.

For the physician: Please prescribe generic and preferred products when medically appropriate for your patients.

CARDIOVASCULAR

Antiarrhythmics

digoxin
 disopyramide extended-release
 mexiletine
 procainamide
 quinidine gluconate extended-release
 quinidine sulfate extended-release
 Norpace CR (g) *

ARB/Heart Failure

Atacand/Atacand HCT

Blood Modifiers

aminocaproic acid
 anagrelide
 dipyridamole
 ticlopidine
 warfarin
 Mephyton
 Plavix*

Blood Pressure Lowering

atenolol
 atenolol/chlorthalidone
 bisoprolol/hydrochlorothiazide
 captopril
 captopril/hydrochlorothiazide

diltiazem
 diltiazem extended-release
 enalapril
 enalapril/hydrochlorothiazide
 fosinopril
 furosemide
 indapamide
 labetalol
 lisinopril
 lisinopril/hydrochlorothiazide
 metoprolol
 nadolol
 nifedipine extended-release
 pindolol
 propranolol
 quinapril
 quinapril/hydrochlorothiazide
 triamterene/hydrochlorothiazide
 verapamil
 verapamil extended-release
 Altace
 Avalide
 Avapro
 Caduet
 Coreg
 Cozaar
 Hyzaar
 Inderal LA
 Innopran XL
 Lotrel
 Norvasc
 Toprol-XL

Cholesterol Lowering

cholestyramine
 gemfibrozil
 lovastatin
 Caduet
 Crestor
 Lipitor
 Niaspan
 Vytorin
 Welchol
 Zetia
 Zocor*

Nitrates

isosorbide dinitrate
 Nitro-Bid

Miscellaneous Cardiovascular Agent

Revatio (PA)

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

Alzheimer's Disease

Aricept
 Namenda

Multiple Sclerosis

Avonex
 Betaseron
 Copaxone
 Rebif

Nausea/Vomiting

prochlorperazine
 trimethobenzamide
 Emend
 Kytril
 Zofran

Parkinson's Disease

amantadine
 benztropine
 carbidopa/levodopa
 diphenhydramine 50 mg
 trihexyphenidyl
 Akineton
 Apokyn
 Mirapex

Seizure Disorder

carbamazepine
 clonazepam
 ethosuximide
 gabapentin
 phenobarbital
 phenytoin sodium extended
 Depakote
 Depakote ER
 Dilantin (g)
 Felbatol
 Gabitril
 Lamictal
 Tegretol-XR

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DERMATOLOGY/ SKIN DISORDER

benzoyl peroxide/erythromycin
betamethasone dipropionate
clindamycin solution
clobetasol propionate
desoximetasone
erythromycin solution
fluocinolone acetonide
hydrocortisone cream,
ointment 2.5%
hydrocortisone lotion 1%, 2.5%
hydrocortisone valerate
sulfacetamide sodium/sulfur
tretinoin (PA)
triamcinolone acetonide
Benzamycin Pak
Condylox (g) *
Cordran, Cordran SP
Dovonex
Duac
Elidel
Eurax
Halog
Kenalog (g) *
Locoid (g) *
Noritate
Protopic

DIABETES

glimepiride
glipizide extended-release
glyburide
glyburide/metformin
glyburide, micronized
metformin
metformin extended-release
Actos *
Avandamet
Avandia
Humalog
Humulin Insulins
Iletin Insulins
Lantus
Novolin Insulins
Novolog
Prandin
Precose
Starlix

GASTROINTESTINAL

GERD/Peptic Ulcer

metoclopramide

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omeprazole
Helidac
Nexium
Prevacid

Gastrointestinal Spasm

chlordiazepoxide/clidinium
dicyclomine
hyoscyamine sulfate
hyoscyamine sulfate
extended-release

Pancreatic Enzymes

Creon
Pancrease MT
Viokase

Ulcerative Colitis

mesalamine rectal suspension
sulfasalazine
Asacol
Dipentum
Pentasa

GROWTH HORMONES

Genotropin (PA)
Humatrope (PA)
Norditropin (PA)
Nutropin (PA)
Nutropin AQ (PA)
Serostim (PA)

INFECTION

Antibiotics-Oral

amoxicillin
amoxicillin/clavulanate
ampicillin
cefaclor
cefuroxime
cephalexin
clarithromycin
clindamycin
ciprofloxacin
dicloxacillin
doxycycline hyclate
erythromycin
erythromycin ethylsuccinate
erythromycin/sulfisoxazole
erythromycin stearate
metronidazole
nitrofurantoin extended-release
penicillin VK
sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim
tetracycline
Augmentin (g) *

Avelox
Furadantin
Gantrisin
Ketek
Levaquin
Omnicef
Zithromax *

Antiviral Drugs

acyclovir oral
amantadine
rimantadine
Flumadine (g) *
Valtrex

Antifungal Drugs-Oral

fluconazole 150 mg
ketoconazole tablets
nystatin
Lamisil tablets (PA)

Antifungal Drugs-Topical

ciclopirox
clotrimazole
clotrimazole/betamethasone
nystatin/triamcinolone
Loprox (g) *
Naftin
Penlac

Hepatitis

Copegus
Epivir-HBV
Hepsera
Pegasys
Peg-Intron
Recombivax HB

MIGRAINE HEADACHE

butalbital/aspirin/caffeine
butalbital/acetaminophen/
caffeine
ergotamine/caffeine
dihydroergotamine
propranolol
Imitrex
Maxalt
Zomig

MUSCLE RELAXANTS

cyclobenzaprine
diazepam
methocarbamol
Skelaxin

OPHTHALMIC (EYE)

Glaucoma

acetazolamide
betaxolol 0.5%
brimonidine 0.2%
dipivefrin
pilocarpine
timolol maleate gel
timolol maleate 0.25%,
0.5% solution
Alphagan P
Betimol
Betoptic S
Diamox Sequels
Phospholine Iodide
Trusopt
Xalatan

Other Eye Medications

ciprofloxacin
ofloxacin
prednisolone acetate 1%
tobramycin
Acular
Alomide
Blephamide
Cyclogyl (g) *
Flarex
FML-S, FML Forte, FML S.O.P.
Inflamase Mild
Poly-Pred
Pred Mild
Vexol
Vigamox
Voltaren
Zaditor

OTIC (EAR)

Ciprodex
Floxin Otic

PAIN/ARTHRITIS

acetaminophen w/codeine
#2, 3, 4
diclofenac sodium delayed-
release
etodolac
fentanyl transdermal
hydrocodone/acetaminophen
ibuprofen
leflunomide
nabumetone
naproxen
naproxen sodium
oxycodone extended-release
propoxyphene compound

PAIN/ARTHRITIS **(continued)**

Avinza
Celebrex
Enbrel (PA)
Humira (PA)

PSYCHIATRIC

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

amphetamine/
dextroamphetamine mixed
salts
dextroamphetamine
extended-release,
immediate-release
methylphenidate
extended-release,
immediate-release
Concerta
Desoxyn
Strattera

Anxiety

alprazolam
buspirone
clorazepate
diazepam
lorazepam
oxazepam
paroxetine hcl
Effexor, Effexor XR
Paxil CR
Zoloft*

Depression

amitriptyline
amoxapine
bupropion
bupropion sr
citalopram
desipramine
doxepin
fluoxetine
fluvoxamine
imipramine hcl
maprotiline
nortriptyline
paroxetine hcl
trazodone

Effexor, Effexor XR
Lexapro
Nardil
Parnate
Paxil CR
Wellbutrin XL
Zoloft*

Insomnia

chloral hydrate
flurazepam
temazepam
triazolam
Sonata

Psychosis

clozapine
haloperidol
loxapine
perphenazine
thioridazine
Moban
Risperdal
Seroquel
Zyprexa *

RESPIRATORY

Allergy-Antihistamines

diphenhydramine 50 mg
Allegra (g) *
Zyrtec

Allergy-Antihistamines/

Decongestants

pseudoephedrine/
chlorpheniramine maleate
Allegra-D *
Zyrtec-D

Allergy-

Nasal Corticosteroids

Flonase *
Nasacort AQ
Nasonex

Allergy-Nasal Antihistamine

Astelin

Asthma-Inhaled Drugs

albuterol
Advair Diskus

Atrovent (g) *
Azmacort
Combivent
Duoneb
Flovent HFA
Intal (g) *
Serevent Diskus

Asthma-Oral Drugs

albuterol
prednisolone sodium phosphate
terbutaline
theophylline extended-release
tablets
Singulair

THYROID REPLACEMENT

levothyroxine
Cytomel

URINARY TRACT

Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH)

doxazosin
Avodart
Flomax
Proscar

Erectile Dysfunction

Levitra (PA)
Viagra (PA)

Miscellaneous

**Anticholinergic/
Antispasmodics**
hyoscyamine sulfate
hyoscyamine sulfate
extended-release
oxybutynin
Detrol
Detrol LA
Ditropan XL
Oxytrol

WEIGHT LOSS

Meridia (PA)
Xenical (PA)

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Contraceptives

Estrostep FE
NuvaRing
Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo
Plan B
Seasonale
Yasmin

Hormone Therapy-Oral

estropipate
medroxyprogesterone acetate
Cenestin
Femhrt
Premarin
Premphase
Prempro

Hormone Therapy-Patches

estradiol
Climara (g) *
Combipatch
Vivelle, Vivelle-Dot

Hormone Therapy- Miscellaneous

Femring (vaginal ring)
Vagifem

Infertility

clomiphene
Cetrotide
Gonal-F RFF
Menopur
Ovidrel

Osteoporosis

Evista
Forteo
Fosamax

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Examples of Non-Preferred Brand-Name Drugs with 2006 Empire Plan Preferred Drug List Alternatives

Non-Preferred Drugs	Empire Plan Preferred Drug List Alternatives
Abilify Accupril	Risperdal, Seroquel, Zyprexa captopril, enalapril, fosinopril, lisinopril, quinapril, Altace
Aciphex	omeprazole Nexium, Prevacid
Actonel Adderall XR	Fosamax amphetamine/dextroamphetamine mixed salts, methylphenidate extended-release dextroamphetamine extended-release
Ambien*	Concerta flurazepam, temazepam, Sonata
Benicar, Benicar HCT Benzaclin	Avalide, Avapro, Cozaar, Hyzaar benzoyl peroxide/erythromycin Benzamycin Pak
Biaxin, Biaxin XL	clarithromycin, erythromycin Ketek, Zithromax*
Cefzil	cefaclor, cefuroxime, cephalexin Omnicef
Celexa	citalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine hcl, Lexapro
Cialis (PA) Clarinet Cosopt	Levitra, (PA) Viagra (PA) Allegra (g)*, Zyrtec timolol maleate Trusopt
Diovan Diovan HCT Glucophage XR Lunesta	Avapro, Cozaar Avalide, Hyzaar metformin extended-release flurazepam, temazepam, Sonata
Mobic* Patanol Pravachol	etodolac, nabumetone Alomide, Zaditor lovastatin, ocor*, Crestor, Lipitor
Protonix	omeprazole Nexium, Prevacid
Prozac	citalopram, fluoxetine, paroxetine hcl Effexor, Lexapro, Zoloft*
Rhinocort Aqua Topamax	Flonase*, Nasacort AQ, Nasonex carbamazepine Tegretol-XR
Tricor Trileptal	gemfibrozil carbamazepine Tegretol-XR
Wellbutrin, Wellbutrin SR Xopenex inhalation solution	bupropion, bupropion sr albuterol inhalation solution

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