



Office of Pharmacy Services
Medicaid Pharmacy Program Preferred
Drug List: Generic vs. Brand Status

Not all Generics are Preferred. In some instances, the State prefers the multisource brand name drug over its generic equivalent because the branded drug is more cost effective than its generic counterpart.

- When the brand name drug is preferred, no Medwatch is needed ^{1,2}
- Pharmacy providers must enter a **DAW code of 6** on the claim to have it correctly priced.
- If any problems are encountered during the on-line claim adjudication of Preferred Brands, contact Conduent's 24-hour Help Desk at 800-932-3918 for additional system overrides related to the use of the correct DAW code (For example, when there is other insurance)

| Therapeutic Class | Preferred BRAND | Non-Preferred GENERIC |
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| Antibiotics, Inhaled | Bethkis | tobramycin solution |
| Anticonvulsants | Sabril tablet ² | vigabatrin tablet ² |
| Anticonvulsants | Trileptal suspension (oral) | oxcarbazepine suspension (oral) |
| Antipsychotics | Risperdal Consta | risperidone ER injection |
| COPD Agents | Spiriva Handihaler | tiotropium bromide capsule |
| COPD Agents | Anoro Ellipta | umeclidinium/vilanterol |
| Cytokine and CAM Antagonists | Selarsdi | ustekinumab-AEKN |
| Glucocorticoids, Inhaled | Symbicort (inhalation) | budesonide/formoterol (inhalation) |
| Hypoglycemics, Insulins | Lantus vial ³ | insulin glargine vial ³ |
| Hypoglycemics, Insulins | Novolog pen ³ | insulin aspart pen ³ |
| Hypoglycemics, Insulins | Novolog vial ³ | insulin aspart vial ³ |
| Hypoglycemics, Insulins | Novolog mix 70/30 pen ³ | insulin aspart mix 70/30 pen ³ |
| Hypoglycemics, Insulins | Novolog mix 70/30 vial ³ | insulin mix 70/30 vial ³ |
| Hypoglycemic, SGLT2 Inhibitors | Farxiga | dapagliflozin tablet |
| Opioid Use Disorder Treatments | Narcan Nasal Spray ³ | naloxone nasal spray ³ |
| Opioid Use Disorder Treatments | Suboxone Film | buprenorphine/naloxone film |
| Stimulants and Related Agents | Adderall XR capsule ³ | amphetamine salt combo ER capsule ³ |
| Stimulants and Related Agents | Concerta tablet ³ | methylphenidate ER tablet ³ |
| Stimulants and Related Agents | Daytrana | methylphenidate transdermal |
| Stimulants and Related Agents | Focalin XR ³ | dexmethylphenidate XR capsule ³ |
| Stimulants and Related Agents | Ritalin LA ³ | methylphenidate ER capsule ³ |
| Stimulants and Related Agents | Vyvanse | lisdexamfetamine capsule |
| Ulcerative Colitis Agents | Pentasa ³ | mesalamine ER capsule ³ |

¹ Unless the Program has established clinical criteria for the drug. Clinical criteria can be found [here](#).

² Is a non-preferred drug on the PDL and will require a prior authorization by the prescriber

³ Both brand and generic preferred