



# THE EMPIRE PLAN

## 2012 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 2012 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 due to FDA approval of new brand and generic drugs and product availability. 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 or visit the website at <https://www.cs.ny.gov>. Click on Benefit Programs, then NYSHIP Online. Provide your group and plan information if prompted. On the resulting NYSHIP Online page, select Using Your Benefits and scroll to the 2012 Empire Plan Preferred Drug List link.

**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 Level 1 or generic and Level 2 or preferred products when medically appropriate for your patients.*

### CARDIOVASCULAR

#### Antiarrhythmics

amiodarone  
disopyramide  
mexiletine  
quinidine gluconate  
quinidine sulfate  
sotalol  
Multaq

#### Blood Modifiers

fondaparinux (generic Arixtra)  
ticlopidine  
warfarin  
Lovenox(g)\*  
Plavix\*

#### Blood Pressure Lowering

amlodipine (generic Norvasc)  
amlodipine and benazepril  
(generic Lotrel)  
atenolol  
atenolol with chlorthalidone  
benazepril  
benazepril with  
hydrochlorothiazide  
bisoprolol with  
hydrochlorothiazide  
captopril  
captopril with  
hydrochlorothiazide  
clonidine  
clonidine patch (generic  
Catapres-TTS)  
diltiazem (all formulations)  
enalapril  
enalapril with  
hydrochlorothiazide  
felodipine (generic Plendil)

fosinopril  
fosinopril with  
hydrochlorothiazide  
furosemide  
guanfacine  
hydrochlorothiazide  
indapamide  
isradipine  
labetalol  
lisinopril  
lisinopril with  
hydrochlorothiazide  
losartan (generic Cozaar) ½T  
losartan with hydrochlorothiazide  
(generic Hyzaar)  
metoprolol  
metoprolol succinate sustained  
release (generic Toprol XL)  
moexipril ½T  
nadolol  
nadolol with  
bendroflumethiazide  
nifedipine (all formulations)  
nisoldipine (generic Sular)  
perindopril (generic Aceon) ½T  
prazosin  
propranolol sustained action  
capsule  
propranolol tablet  
quinapril  
quinapril with  
hydrochlorothiazide  
ramipril  
spironolactone  
spironolactone with  
hydrochlorothiazide  
torsemide  
trandolapril ½T  
triamterene with  
hydrochlorothiazide

verapamil  
verapamil sustained release  
Atacand\* ½T  
Atacand HCT\*  
Benicar ½T  
Benicar HCT  
Bystolic  
Cardizem LA (g)\*  
Innopran XL  
Micardis  
Micardis HCT

#### Cholesterol Lowering

cholestyramine  
colestipol  
fenofibrate  
gemfibrozil  
lovastatin  
pravastatin (generic Pravachol) ½T  
simvastatin (generic Zocor) ½T  
Advicor  
Altoprev  
Antara  
Crestor ½T  
Fenoglide  
Lipitor\*  
Lipofen  
Lofibra Tablet  
Niaspan  
Triglide  
Vytorin  
Welchol

#### Heart Failure

carvedilol (generic Coreg)  
digoxin  
BiDil

#### Nitrates/Other Angina

isosorbide  
Nitrostat  
Ranexa

#### Pulmonary Artery Hypertension Agents

Adcirca (PA)  
Letairis (PA)  
Revatio\* (PA)  
Tracleer (PA)  
Tyvaso (PA)  
Ventavis (PA)

### CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

#### Alzheimer's Disease

donepezil 5mg, 10mg  
(generic Aricept)  
galantamine (generic Razadyne)  
galantamine extended release  
(generic Razadyne ER)  
Namenda

#### Multiple Sclerosis

Ampyra (PA)  
Avonex (PA)  
Copaxone (PA)  
Rebif (PA)

#### Nausea/Vomiting

granisetron (generic Kytril)  
ondansetron (generic Zofran)  
prochlorperazine  
promethazine  
Emend

#### Parkinson's Disease

amantadine  
benztropine  
carbidopa/levodopa  
pramipexole (generic Mirapex)  
ropinirole (generic Requip)  
Apokyn

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## Seizure Disorder

carbamazepine  
clonazepam  
divalproex sodium  
(generic Depakote)  
divalproex sodium extended  
release (generic Depakote ER)  
gabapentin  
lamotrigine  
levetiracetam (generic Keppra)  
oxcarbazepine  
phenobarbital  
phenytoin  
primidone  
topiramate (generic Topamax) ½T  
Dilantin (g)  
Felbatol  
Gabitril\*  
Lyrica  
Tegretol XR (g)\*

## DERMATOLOGY/ SKIN DISORDER

adapalene (generic Differin) (PA)  
benzoyl peroxide/erythromycin  
betamethasone dipropionate  
clindamycin (all formulations)  
clobetasol  
erythromycin topical  
fluocinonide  
hydrocortisone topical  
imiquimod (generic Aldara)  
isotretinoin  
metronidazole topical  
mometasone furoate topical  
mupirocin ointment  
podofilox topical  
sulfacetamide/sulfur  
tretinoin (PA)  
triamcinolone topical  
Condylox (g)\*  
Dovonex (g)\*  
Duac  
Protopic  
Soriatane  
Stelara (PA)

## DIABETES

acarbose (generic Precose)  
glimepiride  
glipizide  
glipizide extended release  
glipizide with metformin  
glyburide  
glyburide with metformin  
glyburide, micronized  
metformin  
metformin extended release  
nateglinide (generic Starlix)  
Actoplus Met\*  
Actos\* ½T

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Byetta  
Duetact  
Humalog  
Humulin  
Janumet  
Januvia  
Lantus  
Levemir  
Novolin  
Novolog  
Novolog  
Onglyza  
Prandin  
Symlin  
Victoza

## GASTROINTESTINAL

### GERD/Peptic Ulcer

lansoprazole capsule  
(generic Prevacid capsule)  
metoclopramide  
misoprostol  
nizatidine oral solution  
omeprazole (generic Prilosec)  
omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate  
capsule (generic Zegerid capsule)  
pantoprazole (generic Protonix)  
ranitidine  
sucralfate  
Helidac  
Prevpac  
Pylera

### Gastrointestinal-Other

chlordiazepoxide/clidinium  
dicyclomine  
hyoscyamine

### Pancreatic Enzymes

Creon  
Zenpep

### Ulcerative Colitis

balsalazide disodium  
(generic Colasal)  
budesonide (generic Entocort EC)  
mesalamine enema  
sulfasalazine  
Apriso  
Asacol  
Lialda

## GROWTH HORMONES

Nutropin/Nutropin AQ (PA)  
Saizen (PA)  
Serostim (PA)  
Tev-Tropin (PA)  
Zorbtive (PA)

## INFECTION

### Antibiotics-Oral

amoxicillin

amoxicillin with potassium  
clavulanate (generic Augmentin)  
ampicillin  
azithromycin (generic Zithromax)  
cefaclor  
cefadroxil  
cefdinir (generic Omnicef)  
cefprozil  
cefuroxime  
cephalexin  
ciprofloxacin  
clarithromycin (generic Biaxin)  
clarithromycin extended release  
(generic Biaxin XL)  
clindamycin capsule  
doxycycline  
erythromycin  
levofloxacin (generic Levaquin)  
metronidazole  
minocycline  
penicillin V potassium  
sulfamethoxazole with  
trimethoprim  
tetracycline

### Antifungal Drugs-Oral

fluconazole  
itraconazole (PA)  
ketoconazole  
nystatin  
terbinafine (generic Lamisil) (PA)  
Noxafil  
Vfend

### Antifungal Drugs-Topical

ciclopirox solution, non-oral  
clotrimazole with betamethasone  
nystatin  
nystatin with triamcinolone  
Naftin

### Antiviral Drugs

acyclovir  
amantadine  
famciclovir  
rimantadine  
valacyclovir (generic Valtrex) ½T  
Tamiflu  
Zovirax Ointment, Cream

### Hepatitis

ribavirin (PA)  
Baraclude  
Hepsera  
Infergen (PA)  
Intron-A (PA)  
Pegasys (PA)  
Peg-Intron (PA)  
Tyzeka

## MIGRAINE HEADACHE

butalbital/acetaminophen/  
caffeine  
butalbital/aspirin/caffeine

butorphanol nasal spray  
ergotamine/caffeine  
propranolol tablet  
sumatriptan (generic Imitrex)  
Frova  
Maxalt\*  
Relpax  
Zomig

## MUSCLE RELAXANTS

carisoprodol 350mg  
cyclobenzaprine (generic Flexeril)  
diazepam  
metaxalone (generic Skelaxin)  
methocarbamol  
orphenadrine/orphenadrine  
compound

## OPHTHALMIC (EYE)

### Glaucoma

betaxolol  
brimonidine  
dorzolamide (generic Trusopt)  
latanoprost (generic Xalatan)  
pilocarpine  
timolol maleate  
Azopt  
Betimol  
Combigan  
Lumigan  
Travatan/Travatan Z

### Other Eye Medications

azelastine (generic Optivar)  
ciprofloxacin drops  
cromolyn sodium drops  
cyclopentolate  
diclofenac sodium drops  
(generic Voltaren Ophthalmic)  
epinastine drops (generic Elestat)  
flurbiprofen drops  
ketorolac tromethamine drops  
ofloxacin drops  
prednisolone drops  
tobramycin drops  
tobramycin/dexamethasone  
drops (generic Tobradex)  
Flarex  
FML Forte/FML SOP  
Pred Mild  
Restasis  
Vexol

## OTIC (EAR)

ofloxacin (generic Floxin)  
Ciprodex

## PAIN/ARTHRITIS

acetaminophen with codeine  
acetaminophen with hydrocodone  
diclofenac

etodolac  
fentanyl citrate lollipop (PA)  
fentanyl transdermal system  
flurbiprofen  
ibuprofen  
ibuprofen with hydrocodone  
indomethacin  
ketoprofen  
leflunomide  
meloxicam (generic Mobic)  
methotrexate  
nabumetone  
naproxen  
oxaprozin  
oxycodone with acetaminophen  
oxycodone with aspirin  
oxymorphone (generic Opana)  
piroxicam  
sulindac  
tolmetin  
tramadol  
tramadol extended release  
tramadol with acetaminophen  
Celebrex  
Cimzia (PA)  
Enbrel (PA)  
Opana ER  
Oxycontin  
Simponi (PA)  
Voltaren Gel

## PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC AGENTS

### Anxiety, Insomnia and

#### Sedative Agents

alprazolam/alprazolam  
extended release  
buspirone  
diazepam  
flurazepam  
lorazepam  
temazepam  
triazolam  
zaleplon (generic Sonata)  
zolpidem (generic Ambien)

#### Attention Deficit

#### Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

amphetamine with  
dextroamphetamine salt  
combination  
amphetamine with  
dextroamphetamine salt  
combination extended release  
(generic Adderall XR)  
dextroamphetamine  
sustained release  
methylphenidate  
methylphenidate extended release

Intuniv  
Vyvanse

### Depression

amitriptyline  
bupropion hcl  
bupropion hcl extended release  
bupropion hcl sustained release  
citalopram (generic Celexa)  
desipramine  
doxepin  
fluoxetine (generic Prozac)  
imipramine  
mirtazapine  
mirtazapine dispersible tablet  
nortriptyline  
paroxetine (generic Paxil)  
paroxetine sustained release  
24 hour (generic Paxil CR)  
phenelzine (generic Nardil)  
sertraline (generic Zoloft) ½T  
tranylcypromine  
trazodone  
venlafaxine (generic Effexor)  
venlafaxine extended release  
capsule (generic Effexor XR)

### Psychosis

clozapine  
haloperidol  
olanzapine (generic Zyprexa)  
risperidone (generic Risperdal)  
Geodon\*  
Molan  
Seroquel (except for XR)\* ½T  
Symbyax\*

## RESPIRATORY

### Allergy-Antihistamines

hydroxyzine  
levocetirizine (generic Xyzal)

### Allergy-Nasal Antihistamines

azelastine nasal spray  
(generic Astelin)

### Allergy-Nasal Corticosteroids

flunisolide nasal spray  
fluticasone (generic Flonase)  
Nasonex

### Allergy-Other

epinephrine pen  
EpiPen

### Asthma-Inhaled Drugs

albuterol inhalation solution  
albuterol/ipratropium solution  
cromolyn  
ipratropium inhalation solution  
Advair  
Alvesco  
Asmanex

Combivent  
Foradil  
Pulmicort Respules (g)\*  
QVAR  
Spiriva  
Symbicort  
Ventolin HFA

### Asthma-Oral Drugs

albuterol  
prednisolone  
prednisone  
terbutaline  
theophylline  
Singulair\*

## THYROID REPLACEMENT

levothyroxine (generic Synthroid)  
liothyronine (generic Cytomel)  
Tirosint

## URINARY TRACT

### Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH)

doxazosin  
finasteride (generic Proscar)  
tamsulosin (generic Flomax)  
terazosin

### Erectile Dysfunction

Viagra

### Miscellaneous

#### Anticholinergics/

#### Antispasmodics-Other

desmopressin  
oxybutynin/oxybutynin  
extended release  
trospium (generic Sanctura)  
Enablex  
Gelnique  
Oxytrol  
Sanctura XR  
Vesicare

## VITAMIN DEFICIENCY

cyanocobalamin injection  
Nascobal

## WEIGHT LOSS

phentermine (PA)

## WOMEN'S HEALTH

### Contraceptives

aviane  
gianvi (generic Yaz)  
kariva

levonorgestrel-ethinyl estradiol  
tablet, dosepack, 3 month  
(generic Seasonale)  
medroxyprogesterone 150mg/ml  
microgestin fe  
ocella (generic Yasmin)  
tri-sprintec  
trinessa  
NuvaRing

### Hormone Therapy-Oral

estradiol/norethindrone  
(generic Activella)  
estropipate  
medroxyprogesterone tablet  
methyltestosterone with  
esterified estrogens  
Cenestin  
Enjuvia  
Prefest  
Prometrium

### Hormone Therapy-Patches

estradiol patch  
Combipatch  
Estraderm  
Vivelle/Vivelle-Dot

### Hormone Therapy-

#### Miscellaneous

Estrace Cream  
Estring  
Vagifem

### Infertility

clomiphene  
leuprolide  
Cetrotide  
Follistim AQ  
Gonal-F  
Luveris  
Ovidrel

### Osteoporosis

alendronate sodium tablet  
(generic Fosamax)  
etidronate disodium  
Actonel  
Boniva  
Evista  
Forteo (PA)

### Other Agents

clindamycin vaginal cream  
metronidazole vaginal gel  
prenatal vitamins (generic)  
tamoxifen  
terconazole  
Clindesse  
Lysteda

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**Level 3 or Non-Preferred Drugs Empire Plan Preferred Drug List Alternatives**

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Abilify ½T                       | olanzapine (generic Zyprexa), risperidone (generic Risperdal), Geodon*, Seroquel (except for XR)*½T   |
| Aciphex                          | lansoprazole capsule (generic Prevacid capsule), omeprazole (generic Prilosec), omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate capsule (generic Zegerid capsule), pantoprazole (generic Protonix)  |
| Androgel                         | Testim  |
| Aricept 23mg                     | donepezil 5mg, 10mg (generic Aricept)   |
| Avalide*                         | losartan with hydrochlorothiazide (generic Hyzaar), Atacand HCT*, Benicar HCT, Micardis HCT   |
| Avapro*½T                        | losartan (generic Cozaar) ½T, Atacand*½T, Benicar ½T, Micardis  |
| Avelox                           | ciprofloxacin, levofloxacin (generic Levaquin), ofloxacin   |
| Avodart                          | doxazosin, finasteride (generic Proscar), tamsulosin (generic Flomax), terazosin  |
| Azor                             | amlodipine (generic Norvasc) plus Benicar ½T  |
| Betaseron (PA)                   | Avonex (PA), Copaxone (PA), Rebif (PA)  |
| Caduet*                          | amlodipine (generic Norvasc) plus Lipitor*  |
| Cialis                           | Viagra  |
| Clobex Shampoo                   | clobetasol  |
| Cymbalta                         | venlafaxine (generic Effexor), venlafaxine extended release capsule (generic Effexor XR)  |
| Dexilant (formerly Kapidex)      | lansoprazole capsule (generic Prevacid capsule), omeprazole (generic Prilosec), omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate capsule (generic Zegerid capsule), pantoprazole (generic Protonix)  |
| Diovan*½T                        | losartan (generic Cozaar) ½T, Atacand*½T, Benicar ½T, Micardis  |
| Diovan HCT*                      | losartan with hydrochlorothiazide (generic Hyzaar), Atacand HCT*, Benicar HCT, Micardis HCT   |
| Flovent                          | Alvesco, Asmanex, QVAR  |
| Humatrope (PA)                   | Nutropin (PA), Nutropin AQ (PA), Saizen (PA), Tev-Tropin (PA)   |
| Humira (PA)                      | Cimzia (PA), Enbrel (PA), Simponi (PA), Stelara (PA)  |
| Levitra                          | Viagra  |
| Lexapro*½T                       | citalopram (generic Celexa), fluoxetine (generic Prozac), paroxetine (generic Paxil), paroxetine sustained release 24 hour (generic Paxil CR), sertraline (generic Zoloft) ½T, venlafaxine (generic Effexor), venlafaxine extended release capsule (generic Effexor XR) |
| Lunesta                          | zaleplon (generic Sonata), zolpidem (generic Ambien)  |
| Nexium                           | lansoprazole capsule (generic Prevacid capsule), omeprazole (generic Prilosec), omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate capsule (generic Zegerid capsule), pantoprazole (generic Protonix)  |
| Norditropin (PA)                 | Nutropin (PA), Nutropin AQ (PA), Saizen (PA), Tev-Tropin (PA)   |
| Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo              | tri-sprintec, trinessa  |
| Premarin Cream                   | Estrace Cream   |
| Premarin Tablet                  | estradiol, estropipate, Cenestin, Enjuvia   |
| Premphase                        | estradiol/norethindrone (generic Activella), Prefest  |
| Prempro                          | estradiol/norethindrone (generic Activella), Prefest  |
| Proventil HFA                    | Ventolin HFA  |
| Provigil*(PA)                    | amphetamine with dextroamphetamine salt combination, amphetamine with dextroamphetamine salt combination extended release (generic Adderall XR), dextroamphetamine, methylphenidate   |
| Pulmicort Flexhaler              | Alvesco, Asmanex, QVAR  |
| Retin-A Micro (PA)               | tretinoin (PA)  |
| Serevent                         | Foradil   |
| Simcor                           | simvastatin (generic Zocor) ½T plus Niaspan   |
| Strattera                        | amphetamine with dextroamphetamine salt combination extended release (generic Adderall XR), methylphenidate, Intuniv, Vyvanse   |
| Tazorac*(PA)                     | adapalene (generic Differin) (PA), tretinoin (PA)   |
| Tricor                           | fenofibrate, Antara, Fenoglide, Lipofen, Triglide   |
| Twinject                         | epinephrine pen, EpiPen   |
| Veramyst                         | flunisolide, fluticasone (generic Flonase), Nasonex   |
| Xopenex HFA                      | Ventolin HFA  |
| Xopenex Inhalation Solution (g)* | albuterol inhalation solution   |
| Zetia                            | lovastatin, pravastatin (generic Pravachol) ½T, simvastatin (generic Zocor) ½T, Crestor ½T, Lipitor*, Vytorin, Welchol  |

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