

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 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.

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
Keppra
Lamictal
Lyrica
Tegretol-XR
Topamax
Trileptal

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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*
ActoPlus Met
Avandamet
Avandaryl
Avandia
Byetta
Humalog
Humulin Insulins
Iletin Insulins
Lantus
Novolin Insulins
Novolog
Prandin
Precose
Starlix
Symlin

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GASTROINTESTINAL

GERD/Peptic Ulcer

metoclopramide
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
azithromycin tablets
(generic Zithromax)
cefaclor
cefprozil
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 suspension

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

ribavirin (generic Copegus)
Baraclude
Epivir-HBV
Hepsera
Infergen
Pegasys
Peg-Intron
Recombivax HB

MIGRAINE HEADACHE

butalbital/aspirin/caffeine
butalbital/acetaminophen/
caffeine
dihydroergotamine
ergotamine/caffeine
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

PAIN/ARTHRITIS **(continued)**

hydrocodone/acetaminophen
ibuprofen
leflunomide
nabumetone
naproxen
naproxen sodium
oxycodone extended-release
propoxyphene compound
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
fexofenadine (generic Allegra)
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
Alora
Climara (g)*
Combipatch
Estraderm
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	Risperdal, Seroquel, Zyprexa
Accupril	captopril, enalapril, fosinopril, lisinopril, quinapril
Aciphex	Altace omeprazole Nexium, Prevacid
Actonel	Fosamax
Adderall XR	amphetamine/dextroamphetamine mixed salts, methylphenidate extended-release, dextroamphetamine extended-release Concerta
Ambien*	flurazepam, temazepam Sonata
Benicar, Benicar HCT	Avalide, Avapro, Cozaar, Hyzaar
Benzaclin	benzoyl peroxide/erythromycin Benzamycin Pak
Biaxin, Biaxin XL	azithromycin tablets (generic Zithromax), clarithromycin, erythromycin Ketek, Zithromax suspension
Cefzil	cefaclor, cefprozil, cefuroxime, cephalixin Omnicef
Celexa	citalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine hcl Lexapro
Cialis (PA)	Levitra (PA), Viagra (PA)
Clarinet	fexofenadine (generic Allegra)
Cosopt	Zyrtec timolol maleate Trusopt
Diovan	Avapro, Cozaar
Diovan HCT	Avalide, Hyzaar
Glucophage XR	metformin extended-release
Lunesta	flurazepam, temazepam Sonata
Mobic*	etodolac, nabumetone
Patanol	Alomide, Zaditor
Pravachol	lovastatin Zocor*, Crestor, Lipitor
Protonix	omeprazole Nexium, Prevacid
Prozac	citalopram, fluoxetine, paroxetine hcl Effexor, Lexapro, Zoloft*
Rhinocort Aqua	Flonase*, Nasacort AQ, Nasonex
Tricor	gemfibrozil
Wellbutrin, Wellbutrin SR	bupropion, bupropion sr
Xopenex inhalation solution	albuterol inhalation solution

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