

## 2008 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 2008 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

amiodarone  
disopyramide  
mexiletine  
procainamide  
quinidine gluconate  
quinidine sulfate  
sotalol

#### Blood Modifiers

ticlopidine  
warfarin  
Arixtra  
Lovenox  
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  
diltiazem (all formulations)  
enalapril  
enalapril with hydrochlorothiazide  
felodipine (generic Plendil)  
fosinopril  
fosinopril with hydrochlorothiazide

furosemide  
guanfacine  
hydrochlorothiazide  
indapamide  
isradipine  
labetalol  
lisinopril  
lisinopril with hydrochlorothiazide  
metoprolol  
metoprolol succinate sustained release (generic Toprol XL)  
moexipril  
nadolol  
nadolol with bendroflumethiazide  
nifedipine (all formulations)  
prazosin  
propranolol sustained action capsule  
propranolol tablet  
quinapril  
quinapril with hydrochlorothiazide  
spironolactone  
spironolactone with hydrochlorothiazide  
torsemide  
trandolapril  
triamterene with hydrochlorothiazide  
verapamil  
verapamil sustained release  
Aceon  
Altace (g)\*  
Benicar  
Benicar HCT  
Cardizem LA\*  
Catapres-TTS

Cozaar  
Diovan  
Diovan HCT  
Hyzaar  
Innopran XL  
Micardis  
Micardis HCT  
Sular

#### Cholesterol Lowering

cholestyramine  
colestipol  
fenofibrate  
gemfibrozil  
lovastatin  
pravastatin (generic Pravachol)  
simvastatin (generic Zocor)  
Advicor  
Altoprev  
Antara  
Crestor  
Lipitor  
Lofibra Tablet  
Niaspan  
Tricor  
Triglide  
Vytorin  
Welchol  
Zetia

#### Heart Failure

carvedilol (generic Coreg)  
digoxin  
BiDil

#### Nitrates/Other Angina

isosorbide  
Ranexa

#### Pulmonary Artery

**Hypertension Agents**  
Revatio (PA)

Tracleer (PA)  
Ventavis (PA)

### CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

#### Alzheimer's Disease

Aricept, Aricept ODT  
Namenda

#### Multiple Sclerosis

Avonex (PA)  
Betaseron (PA)  
Copaxone (PA)  
Rebif (PA)

#### Nausea/Vomiting

ondansetron (generic Zofran)  
prochlorperazine  
promethazine  
Emend  
Kytril (g)\*

#### Parkinson's Disease

amantadine  
benztropine  
carbidopa/levodopa  
Akineton  
Apokyn  
Mirapex

#### Seizure Disorder

carbamazepine  
clonazepam  
gabapentin  
lamotrigine dispersible tablet  
oxcarbazepine  
phenobarbital  
phenytoin  
primidone  
Depakote\*  
Depakote ER\*

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Dilantin (g)  
Felbatol  
Gabitril  
Keppra  
Lamictal (g)\*  
Lyrica  
Tegretol-XR\*  
Topamax

## **DERMATOLOGY/ SKIN DISORDER**

benzoyl peroxide/erythromycin  
betamethasone dipropionate  
chlorhexidine  
clindamycin (all formulations)  
clobetasol  
erythromycin solution  
fluocinonide  
hydrocortisone  
isotretinoin  
metronidazole cream  
podofilox topical  
sulfacetamide/sulfur  
tretinoin (PA)  
triamcinolone  
Condylox (g)\*  
Dovonex\*  
Duac  
Protopic  
Retin-A Micro Gel (PA)  
Soriatene  
Tazorac (PA)

## **DIABETES**

glimepiride  
glipizide  
glipizide extended release  
glipizide with metformin  
glyburide  
glyburide with metformin  
glyburide, micronized  
metformin  
metformin extended release  
Actoplus Met  
Actos  
Avandamet  
Avandaryl  
Avandia  
Byetta  
Duetact  
Humalog  
Humulin  
Janumet  
Januvia  
Lantus  
Levemir  
Novolin  
Novolog  
Prandin  
Precose\*

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Starlix  
Symlin

## **GASTROINTESTINAL**

**GERD/Peptic Ulcer**  
metoclopramide  
misoprostol  
omeprazole (generic Prilosec)  
pantoprazole (generic Protonix)  
ranitidine  
sucralfate  
Axid Oral Solution  
Helidac  
Nexium  
Prevacid  
Prevpac

**Gastrointestinal-Other**  
chlordiazepoxide/clidinium  
dicyclomine  
hyoscynamine

### **Pancreatic Enzymes**

Creon  
Pancrease MT (g)\*

**Ulcerative Colitis**  
balsalazide disodium  
(generic Colazal)  
mesalamine enema  
sulfasalazine  
Asacol  
Dipentum  
Entocort EC

## **GROWTH HORMONES**

Humatrope (PA)  
Norditropin (PA)  
Nutropin (PA)  
Serostim (PA)  
Tev-Tropin (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  
metronidazole  
minocycline  
penicillin V potassium  
sulfamethoxazole with  
trimethoprim  
tetracycline  
Gantrisin  
Levaquin

### **Antifungal Drugs-Oral**

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

### **Antifungal Drugs-Topical**

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

### **Antiviral Drugs**

acyclovir  
amantadine  
famciclovir  
rimantadine  
Tamiflu  
Valtrex  
Zovirax Ointment, Cream

### **Hepatitis**

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

## **MIGRAINE HEADACHE**

butalbital/acetaminophen/  
caffeine  
butalbital/aspirin/caffeine  
butorphanol nasal spray  
ergotamine/caffeine  
propranolol tablet  
Frova  
Imitrex\*  
Maxalt  
Relpax  
Zomig

## **MUSCLE RELAXANTS**

carisoprodol  
cyclobenzaprine  
diazepam  
methocarbamol  
orphenadrine/orphenadrine  
compound  
Skelaxin

## **OPHTHALMIC (EYE)**

### **Glaucoma**

betaxolol  
brimonidine  
pilocarpine  
timolol maleate  
Alphagan P  
Azopt  
Betoptic S  
Lumigan  
Travatan/Travatan Z  
Trusopt\*

### **Other Eye Medications**

ciprofloxacin drops  
cromolyn sodium drops  
cyclopentolate  
diclofenac sodium drops  
(generic Voltaren Ophthalmic)  
flurbiprofen drops  
ofloxacin drops  
prednisolone drops  
tobramycin drops  
Elestat  
Flarex  
FML Forte/FML SOP  
Optivar  
Pred Mild  
Restasis  
Vexol  
Zylet

## **OTIC (EAR)**

ofloxacin (generic Floxin)  
Ciprodex

## **PAIN/ARTHRITIS**

acetaminophen with codeine  
acetaminophen with  
hydrocodone  
diclofenac  
etodolac  
fentanyl citrate lollipop  
fentanyl transdermal system  
flurbiprofen  
ibuprofen  
ibuprofen with hydrocodone  
indomethacin  
ketoprofen  
leflunomide  
meloxicam (generic Mobic)

methotrexate  
nabumetone  
naproxen  
oxaprozin  
oxycodone with acetaminophen  
oxycodone with aspirin  
piroxicam  
propoxyphene with  
acetaminophen  
sulindac  
tolmetin  
tramadol  
tramadol with acetaminophen  
Celebrex  
Enbrel (PA)  
Humira (PA)  
Oxycontin (g)\*  
Prevacid NapraPAC

## PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC AGENTS

### Anxiety, Insomnia and Sedative Agents

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

### Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

amphetamine with  
dextroamphetamine salt  
combination  
dextroamphetamine sustained  
release  
methylphenidate  
methylphenidate extended  
release  
Adderall XR  
Concerta\*  
Strattera

### Depression

amitriptyline  
bupropion  
bupropion sustained action  
bupropion sustained release  
24 Hour 300mg  
citalopram (generic Celexa)  
desipramine  
doxepin  
fluoxetine (generic Prozac)  
imipramine  
mirtazapine

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mirtazapine dispersible tablet  
nortriptyline  
paroxetine (generic Paxil)  
sertraline (generic Zoloft)  
tranylcypromine  
trazodone  
venlafaxine (generic Effexor)  
Effexor XR  
Lexapro  
Nardil  
Wellbutrin XL (g)\*

### Psychosis

clozapine  
haloperidol  
Geodon\*  
Moban  
Risperdal (except for M-Tab)\*  
Seroquel (except for XR)  
Symbyax  
Zyprexa (except for Zydys)

## RESPIRATORY

### Allergy-Antihistamines

fexofenadine (generic Allegra)  
hydroxyzine

### Allergy-Antihistamines/

#### Decongestants

pseudoephedrine/  
chlorpheniramine  
Allegra-D (g)\*

### Allergy-Nasal Antihistamines

Astelin

### Allergy-Nasal Corticosteroids

flunisolide nasal spray  
fluticasone (generic Flonase)  
Nasacort AQ  
Nasonex

### Allergy-Other

Epipen  
Twinject

### Asthma-Inhaled Drugs

albuterol inhalation solution  
albuterol/ipratropium solution  
cromolyn  
ipratropium inhalation solution  
Advair  
Asmanex  
Atrovent Inhaler (except for  
HFA)\*  
Combivent  
Flovent  
Foradil  
Intal (g)\*  
Proventil HFA  
Pulmicort Flexhaler\*  
Pulmicort Respules  
QVAR  
Serevent\*

Spiriva  
Tilade  
Xopenex HFA

### Asthma-Oral Drugs

albuterol  
prednisolone  
prednisone  
terbutaline  
theophylline  
Singulair

## THYROID REPLACEMENT

levothyroxine (generic  
Synthroid)  
Cytomel

## URINARY TRACT

### Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH)

doxazosin  
finasteride (generic Proscar)  
terazosin  
Avodart  
Flomax

### Erectile Dysfunction

Viagra

### Miscellaneous

#### Anticholinergics/

#### Antispasmodics-Other

desmopressin  
oxybutynin/oxybutynin sustained  
release (generic Ditropan)  
Detrol LA  
Enblex  
Oxytrol  
Vesicare

## WEIGHT LOSS

phentermine (PA)  
Meridia (PA)

## WOMEN'S HEALTH

### Contraceptives

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

### Hormone Therapy-Oral

estropipate  
medroxyprogesterone tablet  
methyltestosterone with  
esterified estrogens  
Activella  
Cenestin  
Enjuvia  
Ortho-Prefest  
Premarin  
Premphase  
Prempro  
Prometrium

### Hormone Therapy-Patches

estradiol patch  
Combipatch  
Esclim  
Estraderm  
Vivelle/Vivelle-Dot

### Hormone Therapy-

#### Miscellaneous

Estring

Vagifem

### Infertility

clomiphene  
leuprolide  
Cetrotide  
Follistim AQ  
Gonal-F  
Luviris  
Ovidrel

### Osteoporosis

etidronate disodium  
Actonel\*  
Boniva  
Evista  
Forteo (PA)  
Fosamax (g)\*  
Fosamax Plus D\*

### Other Agents

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

## Non-Preferred Drugs

Abilify  
 Aciphex  
 Acular/Acular LS  
 Alora  
 Ambien  
 Ambien CR  
 Atacand  
 Atacand HCT  
 Atrovent HFA  
 Avalide  
 Avapro  
 Avelox  
 Azmacort  
 Benzaclin  
 Biaxin  
 Caduet  
 Cialis  
 Clarinex  
 Clarinex-D  
 Coreg CR  
 Cymbalta  
 Differin (PA)  
 Elidel  
 Estrostep FE  
 FemHRT  
 Femring  
 Finacea  
 Genotropin (PA)  
 Levitra  
 Loprox  
 Lunesta  
 Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo  
 Patanol  
 Paxil CR  
  
 Pentasa  
 ProAir HFA  
 Protonix  
 Provigil (PA)  
  
 Rhinocort Aqua  
 Seasonique  
 Synthroid  
 Xalatan  
 Xopenex Inhalation Solution  
 Zymar

## Empire Plan Preferred Drug List Alternatives

Geodon\*, Risperdal (except for M-Tab)\*, Seroquel (except for XR), Zyprexa (except for Zydis)  
 omeprazole (generic Prilosec), pantoprazole (generic Protonix), Nexium, Prevacid  
 flurbiprofen drops, diclofenac sodium drops (generic Voltaren Ophthalmic)  
 estradiol patch, Esclim, Estraderm, Vivelle, Vivelle-Dot  
 zolpidem (generic Ambien), temazepam, flurazepam, triazolam, Sonata\*  
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 Benicar, Cozaar, Diovan, Micardis  
 Benicar HCT, Diovan HCT, Hyzaar, Micardis HCT  
 Atrovent Inhaler\*, Spiriva  
 Benicar HCT, Diovan HCT, Hyzaar, Micardis HCT  
 Benicar, Cozaar, Diovan, Micardis  
 ciprofloxacin, ofloxacin, Levaquin  
 Asmanex, Flovent, Pulmicort Flexhaler\*, QVAR  
 clindamycin, benzoyl peroxide/erythromycin, Duac  
 azithromycin (generic Zithromax), clarithromycin (generic Biaxin)  
 amlodipine (generic Norvasc) plus Lipitor  
 Viagra  
 fexofenadine (generic Allegra)  
 pseudoephedrine/chlorpheniramine, Allegra-D (g)\*  
 carvedilol (generic Coreg)  
 venlafaxine (generic Effexor), Effexor XR  
 tretinoin (PA), Retin-A Micro Gel (PA), Tazorac (PA)  
 Protopic  
 microgestin fe, junel fe  
 Activella  
 Estrin, Premarin Vaginal Cream  
 Azelex  
 Humatrope (PA), Norditropin (PA), Nutropin (PA), Tev-Tropin (PA)  
 Viagra  
 econazole, ketoconazole, nystatin, Naftin  
 zolpidem (generic Ambien), temazepam, flurazepam, triazolam, Sonata\*  
 trinessa, tri-sprintec  
 Elestat, Optivar  
 citalopram (generic Celexa), fluoxetine (generic Prozac), sertraline (generic Zoloft),  
 paroxetine (generic Paxil), Lexapro  
 Asacol  
 albuterol, Proventil HFA, Xopenex HFA  
 omeprazole (generic Prilosec), pantoprazole (generic Protonix), Nexium, Prevacid  
 amphetamine with dextroamphetamine salt combination,  
 dextroamphetamine, methylphenidate, Adderall XR, Concerta  
 fluticasone (generic Flonase), flunisolide, Nasacort AQ, Nasonex  
 levonorgestrel-ethinyl estradiol tablet, dosepack, 3 month (generic Seasonale)  
 levothyroxine  
 Lumigan, Travatan, Travatan Z  
 albuterol inhalation solution  
 ofloxacin drops, ciprofloxacin drops

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