

Most Commonly Prescribed Drugs

(Preferred Drug List)

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The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas most commonly prescribed preferred drugs are listed below. **This list does not include all of the preferred drugs that are included in your prescription benefit.**

The drugs listed below are grouped into broad categories. Each category includes two alphabetical lists of drugs.

- The first list shows generic drugs in **bold**, lower-case type, followed (in parentheses) by their most common brand-name(s). The brand-name drugs (in parentheses) are usually non-preferred, and are shown for information only.
- The second list shows brand-name drugs in all CAPITAL LETTERS.

In most cases, generic drugs – whether included on this list or not – are available at the lowest copayment. The brand-name drugs (shown in all CAPITAL LETTERS) are available at the middle copayment. Non-preferred brand-name drugs require the highest copayment. Some are shown in parentheses, others are not listed.

If you are currently taking a drug that is not shown on this list, call Customer Service at the number located on the back of your BCBSTX member ID card. They can tell you what your copayment will be. If you are taking one of the brand-name drugs shown in parentheses, tell your pharmacist that you would like the generic version. Generic drugs are just as safe and effective as brand-name drugs, and you may wish to consider using the generic version since you will usually pay the lowest copayment for them.

This list has been updated for 2009, however, this list may not reflect the preferred drug list that was finalized on your plan's start date and updated as of your anniversary date. A copy of the Preferred Drug List is available on the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas web site, www.bcbstx.com.

This list was current at the time of printing and is subject to change.

Drug coverage is dependent on individual plan benefits.

ANTI-INFECTIVE DRUGS

acyclovir (Zovirax)
amoxicillin
amoxicillin/potassium clavulanate – 12 hour dosing (Augmentin)
ampicillin
azithromycin (Zithromax)
cefadroxil (Duricef)
cefdinir (Omnicef)
cefprozil (Cefzil)
cefuroxime axetil tablets (Ceftin)
cephalexin (Keflex)
ciprofloxacin tablets (Cipro)
clindamycin (Cleocin)
doxycycline hyclate
erythromycin delayed-release (Eryc)
erythromycin ethylsuccinate
fluconazole (Diflucan)
griseofulvin microsize suspension (Grifulvin V)
hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil)
itraconazole capsules (Sporanox)
ketoconazole (Nizoral)
metronidazole (Flagyl)
minocycline capsules, tablets (Minocin, Dynacin)
nitrofurantoin monohydrate/macrocystals (Macrobid)
penicillin v potassium
ribavirin capsules (Rebetol)
ribavirin tablets (Copegus)
terbinafine (Lamisil)
tetracycline
trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole (Bactrim, Septra)
ALBENZA
ERY-TAB
INTELENCE

LAMISIL GRANULES
LEVAQUIN
PEGASYS
PEG-INTRON
VALTRES
ZYVOX

DIABETES, HORMONES AND RELATED DRUGS

acarbose (Precose)
calcitonin-salmon nasal – Fortical
desmopressin (DDVAP)
dexamethasone (Decadron)
esterified estrogens/methyltestosterone (Estratest, Estratest HS)
estradiol patches (Climara)
estradiol tablets (Estrace)
estropipate (Ogen)
estradiol/norethindrone acetate 1mg-0.5mg (Activella 1mg-0.5mg)
glimepiride (Amaryl)
glipizide (Glucotrol)
glipizide extended-release (Glucotrol XL)
glyburide (Diabeta, Micronase)
glyburide/metformin (Glucoavance)
hydrocortisone tablets, 20 mg (Cortef)
levothyroxine – includes Levoxyl (Synthroid)
medroxyprogesterone acetate (Provera)
metformin (Glucofage)
metformin extended-release (Glucofage XR)
methylprednisolone (Medrol)
norethindrone acetate (Aygestin)
oral contraceptives – all generics (e.g., Alesse, Lo/Ovral, Ortho-Novum, Ortho Tri-Cyclen, Triphasil, Yasmin)
prednisone
prednisolone sodium phosphate solution (Orapred)

thyroid (Armour Thyroid)
ACTIVELLA 0.5/0.1mg
ACTONEL
ACTOplus Met
ACTOS
ANDROGEL
AVANDAMET
AVANDIA
CENESTIN
CYTOMEL
DIVIGEL
DUETACT
ENJUVIA
ENTOCORT EC
ESTRADERM
EVISTA
GENOTROPIN
HUMALOG
HUMULIN
LANTUS
LEVEMIR
NOVOLIN
NOVOLOG
NUTROPIN
NUTROPIN AQ
NUVARING
ORTHO TRI-CYCLEN LO
PLAN-B
PRANDIN
PREMARIN
PREMPHASE
PREMPRO
PROMETRIUM
TESTIM TOPICAL GEL
VIVELLE DOT
YAZ

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HEART AND CIRCULATORY DRUGS

amiodarone (Cordarone)
amlodipine (Norvasc)
amlodipine/benazepril (Lotrel)
atenolol (Tenormin)
atenolol/chlorthalidone (Tenoretic)
benazepril (Lotensin)
benazepril/hydrochlorothiazide (Lotensin HCT)
bisoprolol/hydrochlorothiazide (Ziac)
bumetanide (Bumex)
captopril (Capoten)
captopril/hydrochlorothiazide (Capozide)
carvedilol (Coreg)
chlorthalidone tablets, 25 mg, 50 mg
cholestyramine (Questran, Questran Light)
clonidine (Catapres)
digoxin (Lanoxin)
diltiazem extended-release
(Cardizem CD, Dilacor XR)
doxazosin (Cardura)
enalapril (Vasotec)
enalapril/hydrochlorothiazide (Vaseretic)
flecainide (Tambocor)
furosemide (Lasix)
gemfibrozil (Lopid)
guanfacine (Tenex)
hydrochlorothiazide
indapamide (Lozol)
isosorbide mononitrate extended-release
(Imdur)
labetalol (Trandate)
lisinopril (Prinivil, Zestril)
lisinopril/hydrochlorothiazide
(Prinzide, Zestoretic)
lovastatin (Mevacor)
metoprolol succinate (Toprol XL)
metoprolol tartrate (Lopressor)
nadolol (Corgard)
nifedipine extended-release
(Adalat CC, Procardia XL)
nitroglycerin sublingual tablets, patches
(Nitrostat, Nitro-Dur)
pravastatin (Pravachol)
prazosin (Minipress)
propranolol (Inderal)
propranolol/extended-release (Inderal LA)
quinapril (Accupril)
quinapril/hydrochlorothiazide (Accuretic)
ramipril (Altace)
simvastatin (Zocor)
sotalol (Betapace, Betapace AF)
spironolactone (Aldactone)
spironolactone/hydrochlorothiazide
(Aldactazide)
terazosin (Hytrin)
triarterene/hydrochlorothiazide
(Dyazide, Maxzide, Maxzide-25)
verapamil (Calan)
verapamil extended-release (Calan SR, Verelan)
BENICAR
BENICAR HCT
CRESTOR
DIOVAN

DIOVAN HCT
EPIPEN
EPIPEN JR
INNOPRAN XL
NIASPAN
TRICOR
WELCHOL

ALLERGIES, ASTHMA, COPD DRUGS

albuterol inhaler (Proventil)
codeine/guaifenesin solution, syrup, tablets
cyproheptadine
fexofenadine (Allegra)
flunisolide nasal spray (Nasalide 25mcg,
Nasarel 29mcg)
fluticasone (Flonase)
ipratropium bromide nebulization solution
promethazine syrup, tablets (Phenergan)
promethazine suppositories (Phenergan)
theophylline extended-release
ADVAIR DISKUS, HFA
ALLEGRA-D
ASTELIN
ASTEPRO
ATROVENT HFA
COMBIVENT
FLOVENT HFA
FORADIL AEROLIZER
NASACORT AQ
NASONEX
PROAIR HFA
PULMICORT RESPULES
PULMICORT FLEXHALER
QVAR
SEREVENT DISKUS
SINGULAIR
SPIRIVA
SYMBICORT
TILADE
XOPENEX HFA

GASTROINTESTINAL DRUGS

cimetidine (Tagamet), 200 mg not covered
dicyclomine (Bentyl)
famotidine (Pepcid), 20 mg not covered
hyoscyamine (Levsin)
hyoscyamine extended-release
(Levbid, Levsinex)
lactulose
mesalamine enema (Rowasa)
metoclopramide (Reglan)
misoprostol (Cytotec)
omeprazole delayed-release (Prilosec)
ondansetron HCL (Zofran)
pantoprazole delayed-release (Protonix)
ranitidine (Zantac), 150 mg not covered
sucralfate tablets (Carafate)
sulfasalazine (Azulfidine)
ASACOL
CANASA
CARAFATE suspension
CREON

DIPENTUM
EMEND
LIALDA
NEXIUM
PANCREASE MT
PENTASA
PHOSLO
PREVPAC
RENAGEL
REVELA
ULTRASE/MT
URSO

GENITOURINARY DRUGS

clindamycin vaginal cream (Cleocin)
finasteride (Proscar)
metrogel vaginal gel (Metrogel Vaginal)
oxybutynin (Ditropan)
terconazole (Terazol 3, 7)
AVODART
DETROL
DETROL LA
FLOMAX
PREMARIN vaginal cream
VAGIFEM
VESICARE

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE; EMOTIONAL, MENTAL AND NERVOUS CONDITIONS, AND SLEEP

alprazolam (Xanax)
amitriptyline
amphetamine/dextroamphetamine mixed salts
(Adderall)
bupropion (Wellbutrin)
bupropion extended-release (Wellbutrin SR/
Wellbutrin XL)
buspiron (Buspar)
citalopram (Celexa)
clozapine tablets 25 mg, 100 mg (Clozaril)
dextroamphetamine (Dexedrine)
dextroamphetamine extended-release
(Dexedrine Spansules)
diazepam (Valium)
doxepin (Sinequan)
fluoxetine (Prozac)
hydroxyzine hcl (Atarax)
hydroxyzine pamoate (Vistaril)
imipramine hcl (Tofranil)
lithium carbonate capsules
lithium carbonate extended-release
(Eskalith CR, Lithobid)
lorazepam (Ativan)
methylphenidate (Ritalin)
methylphenidate extended-release (Ritalin SR)
mirtazapine (Remeron)
nortriptyline (Pamelor)
paroxetine hcl (Paxil)
phenobarbital
prochlorperazine suppositories, 25 mg; tablets
(Compazine)
risperidone (Risperdal)

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sertraline (Zoloft)
temazepam (Restoril)
trazodone (Desyrel)
venlafaxine (Effexor)
ARICEPT
ARICEPT ODT
CONCERTA
EFFEXOR XR
EXELON
GEODON
LEXAPRO
RISPERDAL M-TAB
SEROQUEL
SEROQUEL XR

ARTHRITIS AND PAIN RELIEF DRUGS

acetaminophen/codeine (Tylenol with Codeine)
**acetaminophen/isometheptene/
dichloralphenazone** (Midrin)
allopurinol (Zyloprim)
butalbital/acetaminophen/caffeine (Fioricet)
butalbital/aspirin/caffeine (Fiorinal)
butalbital/aspirin/caffeine/codeine
(Fiorinal with Codeine)
diclofenac sodium delayed-release (Voltaren)
etodolac (Lodine)
fentanyl patches (Duragesic)
hydrocodone/acetaminophen
(Lortab, Vicodin)
ibuprofen, suspension (Motrin), 100 mg/5 mL
not covered
indomethacin capsules (Indocin)
meloxicam (Mobic)
methotrexate
morphine sulfate extended-release (MS Contin)
nabumetone (Relafen)
naproxen (Naprosyn)
naproxen sodium (Anaprox)
oxcarbazepine (Trileptal)
oxycodone (Roxicodone)
oxycodone/acetaminophen (Percocet)
piroxicam (Feldene)
propoxyphene napsylate/acetaminophen
(Darvocet N)
sumatriptan
CELEBREX
DILAUDID-5 LIQUID
ENBREL
HUMIRA
IMITREX
KADIAN
MAXALT
MAXALT MLT
MIGRANAL
Trexall 5, 7.5, 10, and 15 mg
ZOMIG
ZOMIG ZMT

PARKINSON'S DISEASE; NEUROMUSCULAR AND SEIZURE DRUGS

amantadine (Symmetrel)

baclofen
benztropine
bromocriptine (Parlodel)
carbamazepine (Tegretol)
carbidopa/levodopa (Sinemet)
carbidopa/levodopa extended-release
(Sinemet CR)
clonazepam (Klonopin)
cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril)
divalproex sodium delayed-release tablet
(Depakote Delayed-Release tablet)
gabapentin capsules, tablets (Neurontin)
gabapentin tablets (Gabarone)
lamotrigine (Lamictal)
methocarbamol (Robaxin)
oxcarbazepine (Trileptal)
phenytoin sodium extended (Dilantin)
primidone (Mysoline)
ropinirole (Requip)
tizanidine (Zanaflex)
valproic acid (Depakene)
zonisamide (Zonegran)
AZILECT
DEPAKOTE Sprinkle 125mg capsule
KEPPRA
MIRAPEX
PARCOPA
TEGRETOL XR
TOPAMAX

SUPPLEMENTS

potassium chloride extended-release
prenatal multivitamins with 1 mg folic acid

BLOOD MODIFYING DRUGS

cilostazol (Pletal)
folic acid
pentoxifylline extended-release (Trental)
warfarin (Coumadin)
LOVENOX
PLAVIX

EYE DRUGS

ciprofloxacin solution (Ciloxan)
gentamicin ointment, solution
ketoprofen fumarate (Zaditor)
polymyxin B/trimethoprim solution (Polytrim)
prednisolone acetate suspension (Pred Forte)
sulfacetamide sodium (Bleph-10)
timolol maleate gel-forming solution (Timoptic-XE)
timolol maleate solution (Timoptic)
tobramycin solution (Tobrex)
ACULAR
ACULAR LS
ACULAR PF
ALPHAGAN P
AZOPT
BETOPTIC-S
LOTEMAX
NATACYN
OPTIVAR

PATANOL
TOBRADEX
TRAVATAN
TRAVATAN-Z
TRUSOPT
VIGAMOX
XALATAN
ZYLET

EAR, MOUTH, THROAT, AND SKIN DRUGS*

benzocaine/antipyrine ear soln
**betamethasone dipropionate, augmented, cream,
gel, ointment** (Diprolene)
betamethasone dipropionate (Diprosone)
clindamycin (Cleocin T)
clobetasol (Temovate)
desonide (DesOwen)
desoximetasone (Topicort)
econazole (Spectazole)
erythromycin gel (Erygel)
fluocinonide (Lidex)
halobetasol (Ultravate)
hydrocortisone valerate (Westcort)
ketoconazole cream
lidocaine viscous (Xylocaine)
metronidazole 0.75% (Metrocream/Metrogel)
mometasone (Elocon)
mupirocin ointment (Bactroban)
neomycin/polymyxin B/hydrocortisone ear
(Cortisporin)
nystatin cream, ointment, powder
nystatin/triamcinolone
silver sulfadiazine (Silvadene)
tretinoin (Retin-A)
triamcinolone acetonide (Kenalog)
ALDARA
CARAC
CIPRO HC
CIPRODEX
DIFFERIN cream and gel
DOVONEX cream
ELIDEL
EVOXAC
FINACEA
PROTOPIC
TAZORAC

DIABETIC SUPPLIES

ACCU-CHEK TEST STRIPS
ASCENSIA TEST STRIPS
B-D INSULIN SYRINGES
B-D ULTRAFINE PEN NEEDLES
CHEMSTRIP BG TEST STRIPS

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