

Focused Drug List Medication Alternatives

The Focused Drug List is a list of prescription medications approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). We've reviewed these drugs through our Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Process, which considers a drug's:

- Effectiveness
- Safety
- Similarity to other drugs within a therapeutic class
- Affordability

The Focused Drug List is a closed formulary, which means that only the prescription drugs on the list will be covered by the plan. Drugs that aren't covered have cost-effective, high-quality alternatives available. There may be a brand alternative, a generic equivalent or an over-the-counter (OTC) option. Brand-name drugs with a generic equivalent available aren't covered on the Focused Drug List.

Some common drugs that aren't on the Focused Drug List are shown below. Other preferred alternatives may also be available. Please note, exclusions and limitations may apply. For details about what's covered and what's not, it's best to check the Certificate/Evidence of Coverage or Summary Plan Description (SPD).

To view and search the complete Focused Drug List, members should log in at carelonrx.com and choose Prescription Benefits. Information on dosage/strength options and any restrictions such as quantity limits, prior approval or step therapy requirements is available. Members can also call Member Services at the number on their ID card.

What if a medication isn't on the Focused Drug List?

There may be times when a member's drug isn't on the Focused Drug List. If the covered alternative options aren't right for a member, their doctor can submit a request for an exception. This process called prior authorization, also known as a preapproval requires the doctor to call the Member Services number on the member's ID card or log in at carelonrx.com and choose Tools & Resources to download and submit the preapproval form.

Doctors can also submit preapproval requests electronically, which requires less processing time and possible real-time approval so members can fill their prescriptions right away.

For the most up-to-date information, members should log in at carelonrx.com and choose **Drug Lists and pharmacy tools**.

Drug Class	Medications not on the Focused Drug List	Preferred alternatives
Allergic Reaction Treatment	Auvi-Q, Symjepi	epinephrine auto-injector
Antihistamine - oral	Carbinoxamine 6mg Tablet, cetirizine solution, clematine syrup, Dicopanor, diphen, diphenhydramine elixir, Karbinal ER, levocetirizine solution, Ryvent	carbinoxamine solution, carbinoxamine 4mg tablet, cetirizine solution, clemastine tablet, desloratadine tablet, levocetirizine 5mg tablet
Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)	Adhansia XR, Adzenys XR-ODT, Azstarys, Cotempla XR-ODT, Dyanavel XR, Desoxyn (Brand and Generic), Evekeo ODT, Jornay PM, Methylphenidate 45mg, 63mg, 72mg ER Tablet, Qelbree, Quillichew ER, Quillivant XR, Relexxii, Xelstryl	amphetamine, amphetamine-dextroamphetamine tablet/ER capsule, atomoxetine, clonidine er, dextroamphetamine ER capsule, guanfacine er, methylphenidate tablet/capsule, methylphenidate hcl er tablet, Mydayis, Vyvanse
Blood modifiers	Epogen, Mircera	Procrit, Aranesp, Retacrit
COPD - LABA/LAMA, Other	Bevespi Aerosphere, Duaklir Pressair	Anoro Ellipta, Breztri, Stiolto Respimat
COPD - LAMA	Incruse Ellipta, Tudorza Pressair	Spiriva
Dermatologic – oral anti-infectives	Acticlate (Brand and Generic), Doryx MPC, Doryx (Brand and Generic), doxycycline hyclate DR tablet, minocycline ER tablet, Minolira, Oracea (Brand and Generic), Seysara, Solodyn (Brand and Generic), Vibramycin Syrup, Ximino (Brand and Generic)	doxycycline hyclate immediate release (except 75mg and 150mg), doxycycline monohydrate immediate release (except 150mg capsule), doxycycline suspension, minocycline (immediate release)
Diabetes – biguanides	Fortamet (Brand and Generic), Glumetza (Brand and Generic), Metformin 625mg Tablet	metformin (generic Glucophage), metformin ER (generic Glucophage XR)
Diabetes – DPP4s/ combo	Jentadueto, Jentadueto XR, Kombiglyze XR, Onglyza, Tradjenta	Januvia, Janumet, Janumet XR, metformin (generic Glucophage), metformin ER (generic Glucophage XR)
Diabetes – GLP1s, GIP/ GLP1	Adlyxin, Bydureon, Byetta, Mounjaro	Ozempic, Rybelsus, Trulicity, Victoza
Diabetes – long-acting insulin	Basaglar/Tempo, Insulin Degludec, Insulin Glargine ² , Insulin Glargine-yfgn, Semglee	Insulin Glargine ¹ , Lantus, Levemir, Soliqua, Toujeo, Tresiba, Xultophy
Diabetes – rapid-acting insulin	Admelog, Afrezza, Apidra, Fiasp, Humalog Tempo, Insulin Aspart, Insulin Aspart Protamine-Aspart, Lyumjev Tempo, Novolin, Novolog	Humulin, Humalog, Insulin Lispro, Insulin Lispro Protamine-Lispro, Lyumjev
Diabetes – SGLT2/ combos	Invokamet, Invokamet XR, Invokana, Qtern, Segluromet, Steglatro, Steglujan	Farxiga, Glyxambi, Jardiance, Synjardy, Synjardy XR, Trijardy XR, Xigduo XR, metformin (generic Glucophage), metformin ER (generic Glucophage XR)
Diabetic Test Strips and Glucometers	All except OneTouch & Accu-chek	OneTouch & Accu-chek
Erectile dysfunction	Stendra, vardenafil tablet	sildenafil citrate (generic Viagra), tadalafil (generic Cialis)
Growth hormone	Genotropin, Norditropin, Omnitrope, Saizen, Skytrofa, Sogroya, Zomacton	Humatrope, Nutropin AQ

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Hepatitis C	Ledipasvir-Sofosbuvir, Mavyret, Sofosbuvir-Velpatasvir, Sovaldi, Viekira Pak, Zepatier	Eplclusa, Harvoni, Vosevi
Immunologicals	Actemra, Adbry, Amjevita, Cibirgo, Cimzia, Ilumya, Kevzara, Kineret, Olumiant, Orenzia, Siliq, Sotyktu	Cosentyx, Dupixent, Enbrel, Humira, Otezla, Rinvoq, Simponi, Stelara, Skyrizi, Tremfya
Insomnia	Belsomra, Dayvigo, Edluar, Hetlioz, Igalmi, Quviviq, Zolpidem Cap, Zolpimist	eszopiclone, zaleplon, zolpidem/er tab
Lipid/Cholesterol lowering - statin/ combos	Altoprev, Atorvaliq, Ezallor Sprinkle, Ezetimibe-Atorvastatin, Ezetimibe-Rosuvastatin, Flolipid, Lescol XL (Brand and Generic), Livalo, Roszet, Zypitamag	atorvastatin, fluvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin
Migraine - ditan, triptan/combos	Onzetra, Reyvow, Tosymra, Treximet (Brand and Generic), Zembrace	almotriptan, eletriptan, naratriptan, rizatriptan tablet/ODT, sumatriptan tablet/nasal/injection/statdose/refill, zolmitriptan tablet/ODT/nasal
Multiple sclerosis	Bafiertam, Briumvi, Extavia, Kesimpta, Lemtrada, Ocrevus, Ponvory, Tascenso ODT, Tysabri, Zeposia	Avonex, Betaseron, Copaxone, dalfampridine, dimethyl fumarate, fingolimod, Mavenclad, Mayzent, Plegridy, Rebif, teriflunomide, Vumerity
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Aciphex Sprinkle/Tab (Brand and Generic), Dexilant (Brand and Generic), Esomeprazole Strontium, Konvomep, Nexium (Brand and Generic), Prevacid (Brand and Generic), Prilosec Packet, Protonix Packet (Brand and Generic), Rabeprazole DR Sprinkle, Zegerid (Brand and Generic)	omeprazole, pantoprazole
Respiratory – anti-inflammatory	Airduo Digihaler, Alvesco, Armonair Digihaler, Asmanex HFA/Twisthaler, Dulera, Pulmicort Flexhaler	Advair HFA (Brand and Generic), Arnuity Ellipta, budesonide-formoterol fumarate dihydrate, Breo Ellipta (Brand and Generic), Flovent HFA (Brand and Generic)/Diskus, fluticasone-salmeterol, Qvar Redihaler, Symbicort, Trelegy, wixela
Respiratory – LABAs	Arcapta, Brovana, Striverdi	arformoterol, formoterol, Serevent
Respiratory - short acting beta-agonists	ProAir Digihaler	albuterol HFA, ProAir Respiclick
Steroids - intranasal	Beconase AQ, flunisolide, Omnaris, Qnasl/Child, Ryaltris, Xhance, Zetonna	azelastine hcl-fluticasone propionate, fluticasone nasal
Testosterone – topical	Androderm, Natesto	testosterone gel, gel pump, topical solution
Thyroid	Armour Thyroid, Ermeza, Thyquidity, Tirosint	levothyroxine, np thyroid

Please note: Preferred alternatives are on multiple tiers, depending on benefit plan. Tiers represent levels of coverage. Member cost share amounts generally increase at higher tier levels.

1Winthrop

2Mylan

Common medications not on the Focused Drug List (in alphabetical order)

Aciphex Sprinkle/Tab (Brand and Generic)/Rabeprazole DR Sprinkle	Brovana	Evekeo ODT	Lemtrada	ProAir Digihaler	Striverdi
Actemra	Briumvi	Extavia	Lescol XL (Brand and Generic)	Protonix Packet (Brand and Generic)	Symjepi
Acticlate (Brand and Generic)	Bydureon	Ezallor Sprinkle	levocetirizine solution	Pulmicort Flexhaler	Tascenso ODT
Adbry	Byetta	Ezetimibe-Atorvastatin	Livalo	Qelbree	Thyquidity
Adhansia XR	Carbinoxamine 6mg Tablet	Fiasp	Lyumjev Tempo	Qnasl/child	Tirosint
Adlyxin	cetirizine solution	Flolipid	Mavyret	Qtern	Tosymra
Admelog	Cibinqo	flunisolide	Metformin 625mg Tablet	Quillichew ER	Tradjenta
Adzenys XR-ODT	Cimzia	Fortamet (Brand and Generic)	Methylphenidate Tab 45mg, 63mg, 72mg ER/ Relexxii	Quillivant XR	Treximet (Brand and Generic)
Afrezza	clematine syrup	Genotropin	Minolira	Quviviq	Tudorza Pressair
Airduo Digihaler	Cotempla XR-ODT	Glumetza (Brand and Generic)	Mircera	Reyvow	Tysabri
Altoprev	Dayvigo	Hetlioz	Mounjaro	Roszet/ Ezetimibe-Rosuvastatin	ildenafil tablet
Alvesco	Desoxyn (Brand and Generic)	Humalog Tempo	Natesto	Ryaltris	Vibramycin Syrup
Amjevita	Dexilant (Brand and Generic)	Igalmi	Nexium (Brand and Generic)	Ryvent	Viekira Pak
Androderm	Diabetic test strips – all except OneTouch & Accu-check	Ilumya	Norditropin	Saizen	Xelstrym
Apidra	Dicopanor	Incruse Ellipta	Novolin	Segluromet	Xhance
Arcapta	diphen	Insulin Degludec	Novolog/Insulin Aspart/ Insulin Aspart Protamine-Aspart	Semglee/Insulin Glargine2/Insulin Glargine - yfgn	Ximino ER (Brand and Generic)
Armonair Digihaler	diphenhydramine elixir	Invokamet/XR	Ocrevus	Seysara	Zegerid (Brand and Generic)
Armour Thyroid	Doryx (Brand and Generic)	Invokana	Olumiant	Siliq	Zembrace
Asmanex HFA/ Twisthaler	Doryx MPC	Jentadueto/XR	Omnaris	Skytrofa	Zepatier
Atorvaliq	doxycycline hyclate DR tablet	Jornay PM	Omnitrope	Sofosbuvir-Velpatasvir	Zeposia
Auvi-Q	Duaklir	Karbinal ER	Onglyza	Sogroya	Zetonna
Azstarys	Dulera	Kesimpta	Onzetra	Solodyn (Brand and Generic)	Zolpidem Cap
Bafiertam	Dyanavel XR	Kevzara	Oracea (Brand and Generic)	Sotyktu	Zolpimist
Basaglar/Tempo	Edluar	Kineret	Orencia	Sovaldi	Zomacton
Beconase AQ	Epogen	Kombiglyze XR	Ponvory	Steglatro	Zypitamag



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Belsomra	Ermeza	Konvomep	Prevacid (Brand and Generic)	Steglujan	
Bevespi	Esomeprazole Strontium	Ledipasvir-Sofosbuvir	Prilosec Packet	Stendra	

1 This list does not include all maintenance drugs and is not a guarantee of benefits. Please check your drug list for coverage.

Generic drugs are lower case, and trade/brand-name drugs are capitalized.

This list may change without notice, which may affect your benefit coverage. For more information about your benefits or to get started with home delivery, you can go to carelonrx.com, or call Member Services at the phone number on your member ID card.

Members who are speech- or hearing-impaired should call 1-800-221-6915 (TDD/TTY), Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern time.

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