

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	Adrenalin, 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, 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 45 mg, 63 mg, 72mg ER Tablet, Mydayis, Qelbree, Quillichew ER, Quillivant XR, Relexxii, Xelstrym	amphetamine, amphetamine-dextroamphetamine tablet/ER capsule, atomoxetine, clonidine er, dextroamphetamine ER capsule, guanfacine er, methylphenidate tablet/capsule, methylphenidate hcl er tablet
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	Jentaduetto, Jentaduetto 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, Insulin Degludec, Insulin Glargine ³ , Insulin Glargine-yfgn, Semglee	Insulin Glargine ² , Lantus, Levemir, Soliqua, Toujeo, Tresiba, Xultophy
Diabetes – rapid-acting insulin	Admelog, Afrezza, Apidra, Fiasp, Insulin Aspart, Insulin Aspart Protamine-Aspart, 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-check	OneTouch & Accu-check
Erectile dysfunction	Stendra, vardenafil tablet	sildenafil citrate (generic Viagra), tadalafil (generic Cialis)
Growth hormone	Genotropin, Norditropin, Omnitrope, Saizen, Skytrofa, Zomacton	Humatrope, Nutropin AQ

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Hepatitis C	Ledipasvir-Sofosbuvir, Mavyret, Sofosbuvir-Velpatasvir, Sovaldi, Viekira Pak, Zepatier	Epclusa, Harvoni, Vosevi
Immunologicals	Actemra, Adbry, 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 ER, Zolpimist	eszopiclone, zaleplon, zolpidem
Lipid/Cholesterol lowering - statin/ combos	Altoprev, Ezallor Sprinkle, 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, Extavia, Kesimpta, Lemtrada, Ocrevus, Ponvory, Tascenso ODT, Tysabri, Vumerity, Zeposia	Aubagio, Avonex, Betaseron, Copaxone, dalfampridine, dimethyl fumarate, Gilenya, Mavenclad, Mayzent, Plegridy, Rebif
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Aciphex Sprinkle/Tab (Brand and Generic), Dexilant (Brand and Generic), Esomeprazole Strontium, 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, Fluticasone Furoate-Vilanterol Ellipta, Fluticasone Propionate HFA, Pulmicort Flexhaler	Advair HFA, Arnuity Ellipta, budesonide-formoterol fumarate dihydrate, Breo Ellipta, Flovent HFA/ 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, Thyquidity, Tirosint	levothyroxine, np thyroid

¹ 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.

² Winthrop

³ Mylan

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

Aciphex Sprinkle/Tab (Brand and Generic)/Rabeprazole DR Sprinkle	Brovana	Ezallor Sprinkle	Livalo	Pulmicort Flexhaler	Tascenso ODT
Actemra	Bydureon	Fiasp	Mavyret	Qelbree	Thyquidity
Acticlate (Brand and Generic)	Byetta	flunisolide	Metformin 625mg Tablet	Qnasl/child	Tirosint
Adbry	Carbinoxamine 6mg Tablet	Fluticasone Furoate-Vilanterol Ellipta	Methylphenidate Tab 45mg, 63mg, 72mg ER/ Relexxii	Qtern	Tosymra
Adhansia XR	cetirizine solution	Fluticasone Propionate HFA	Minolira	Quillichew ER	Tradjenta
Adlyxin	Cibinqo	Fortamet (Brand and Generic)	Mircera	Quillivant XR	Treximet (Brand and Generic)
Admelog	Cimzia	Genotropin	Mounjaro	Quviviq	Tudorza Pressair
Adrenalin	clematine syrup	Glumetza (Brand and Generic)	Mydayis	Reyvow	Tysabri
Adzenys XR-ODT	Cotempla XR-ODT	Hetlioz	Natesto	Roszet/ Ezetimibe-Rosuvastatin	varafenafil tablet
Afrezza	Dayvigo	Igalmi	Nexium (Brand and Generic)	Ryaltris	Vibramycin Syrup
Airduo Digihaler	Desoxyyn (Brand and Generic)	Ilumya	Norditropin	Ryvent	Viekira Pak
Altoprev	Dexilant (Brand and Generic)	Incruse Ellipta	Novolin	Saizen	Vumerity
Alvesco	Diabetic test strips – all except OneTouch & Accu-chek	Insulin Degludec	Novolog/Insulin Aspart/ Insulin Aspart Protamine-Aspart	Segluromet	Xelstrym
Androderm	Dicopanol	Invokamet/XR	Ocrevus	Semglee/Insulin Glargine3/Insulin Glargine - yfgn	Xhance
Apidra	diphen	Invokana	Olumiant	Seysara	Ximino ER (Brand and Generic)
Arcapta	diphenhydramine elixir	Jentadueto/XR	Omnaris	Siliq	Zegerid (Brand and Generic)
Armonair Digihaler	Doryx (Brand and Generic)	Jornay PM	Omnitrope	Skytrofa	Zembrace
Armour Thyroid	Doryx MPC	Karbinal ER	Onglyza	Sofosbuvir-Velpatasvir	Zepatier
Asmanex HFA/ Twisthaler	doxycycline hyclate DR tablet	Kesimpta	Onzetra	Solodyn (Brand and Generic)	Zeposia
Auvi-Q	Dulera	Kevzara	Oracea (Brand and Generic)	Sotyktu	Zetonna
Azstarys	Dyanavel XR	Kineret	Orencia	Sovaldi	zolpidem ER
Bafiertam	Edluar	Kombiglyze XR	Ponvory	Steglatro	Zolpimist
Basaglar	Epogen	Ledipasvir-Sofosbuvir	Prevacid (Brand and Generic)	Steglujan	Zomacton
Beconase AQ	Esomeprazole Strontium	Lemtrada	Prilosec Packet	Stendra	Zypitamag



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Belsomra	Evekeo ODT	Lescol XL (Brand and Generic)	ProAir Digihaler	Striverdi	
Bevespi	Extavia	levocetirizine solution	Protonix Packet (Brand and Generic)	Symjepi	

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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Get help in your language

Curious to know what all this says? We would be too. Here's the English version:

You have the right to get this information and help in your language for free. Call the Member Services number on your ID card for help. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Separate from our language assistance program, we make documents available in alternate formats for members with visual impairments. If you need a copy of this document in an alternate format, please call the customer service telephone number on the back of your ID card.

Spanish

Tiene el derecho de obtener esta información y ayuda en su idioma en forma gratuita. Llame al número de Servicios para Miembros que figura en su tarjeta de identificación para obtener ayuda. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Chinese

您有權使用您的語言免費獲得該資訊和協助。請撥打您的 ID 卡上的成員服務號碼尋求協助。(TTY/TDD: 711)

Vietnamese

Quý vị có quyền nhận miễn phí thông tin này và sự trợ giúp bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị. Hãy gọi cho số Dịch Vụ Thành Viên trên thẻ ID của quý vị để được giúp đỡ. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Korean

귀하에게는 무료로 이 정보를 얻고 귀하의 언어로 도움을 받을 권리가 있습니다. 도움을 얻으려면 귀하의 ID 카드에 있는 회원 서비스 번호로 전화하십시오. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Tagalog

May karapatan kayong makuha ang impormasyon at tulong na ito sa ginagamit ninyong wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa numero ng Member Services na nasa inyong ID card para sa tulong. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Russian

Вы имеете право получить данную информацию и помощь на вашем языке бесплатно. Для получения помощи звоните в отдел обслуживания участников по номеру, указанному на вашей идентификационной карте. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Arabic

يحق لك الحصول على هذه المعلومات والمساعدة بلغتك مجاناً. اتصل برقم خدمات الأعضاء الموجود على بطاقة التعريف الخاصة بك للمساعدة. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Armenian

Ձեր իրավունք ունեք Ձեր լեզվով անվճար ստանալ այս տեղեկատվությունը և ցանկացած օգնություն: Օգնություն ստանալու համար զանգահարեք Անդամների սպասարկման կենտրոն՝ Ձեր ID քարտի վրա նշված համարով: (TTY/TDD: 711)

Farsi

شما این حق را دارید که این اطلاعات و کمکها را به صورت رایگان به زبان خودتان دریافت کنید. برای دریافت کمک به شماره مرکز خدمات اعضاء که بر روی کارت شناساییتان درج شده است، تماس بگیرید. (TTY/TDD: 711)

French

Vous avez le droit d'accéder gratuitement à ces informations et à une aide dans votre langue. Pour cela, veuillez appeler le numéro des Services destinés aux membres qui figure sur votre carte d'identification. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Japanese

この情報と支援を希望する言語で無料で受けることができます。支援を受けるには、IDカードに記載されているメンバーサービス番号に電話してください。(TTY/TDD: 711)

Haitian

Ou gen dwa pou resevwa enfòmasyon sa a ak asistans nan lang ou pou gratis. Rele nimewo Manm Sèvis la ki sou kat idantifikasyon ou a pou jwenn èd. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Italian

Ha il diritto di ricevere queste informazioni ed eventuale assistenza nella sua lingua senza alcun costo aggiuntivo. Per assistenza, chiami il numero dedicato ai Servizi per i membri riportato sul suo libretto. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Polish

Masz prawo do bezpłatnego otrzymania niniejszych informacji oraz uzyskania pomocy w swoim języku. W tym celu skontaktuj się z Działem Obsługi Klienta pod numerem telefonu podanym na karcie identyfikacyjnej. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Punjabi

ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਮਦਦ ਮੁਫਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਹੈ। ਮਦਦ ਲਈ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਈਡੀ ਕਾਰਡ ਉੱਤੇ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਸਰਵਿਸਜ਼ ਨੰਬਰ ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ। (TTY/TDD: 711)

Navajo

Bee ná ahoót'í t'áá ni nizaad k'ehjí níká a'doowół t'áá jík'e. Naaltsoos bee atah nilínígíí bee né'cho'dólzingo nanitínígíí béésh bee hane'í bikáá' áájí' hodiílnih. Naaltsoos bee atah nilínígíí bee né'cho'dólzingo nanitínígíí béésh bee hane'í bikáá' áájí' hodiílnih. (TTY/TDD: 711)

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