## **Montgomery County Government**

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## Brand-Name Medications Requiring Use of Generic(s) First

You can save money by using safe, effective generic medications when possible. According to your prescription benefit plan, you will have to try one or two generic medication(s) first\* before certain brand-name medications will be covered. The chart below shows you which drugs require the use of generics first. This chart only provides a sample list of generic drug options and may not include all drugs available.

Traditional Generic Step Therapy FR			
Drug Class	Drugs Requiring Step Therapy*	Covered Generic Options	
ACE Inhibitors / Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonists (ARBs) / Direct Renin Inhibitors / Combinations  Please note: A Member's Plan determines whether one or two generics must be tried first	Tekturna HCT	aliskiren amlodipine-benazepril benazepril/benazepril HCTZ candesartan/candesartan HCTZ captopril enalapril/enalapril HCTZ fosinopril/fosinopril HCTZ irbesartan/irbesartan HCTZ lisinopril/lisinopril HCTZ losartan/losartan HCTZ olmesartan/amlodipine HCTZ olmesartan/olmesartan HCTZ quinapril/quinapril HCTZ ramipril telmisartan/telmisartan HCTZ trandolapril trandolapril-verapamil ext-rel valsartan/valsartan HCTZ	
Acne / Topical	Azelex Fabior	benzoyl peroxide clindamycin phosphate gel 1% (except NDC^ 68682046275) clindamycin phosphate lotion 1% clindamycin solution clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide dapsone gel erythromycin solution erythromycin-benzoyl peroxide sulfacetamide sodium	
Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia / Alpha Blockers	Cardura XL	alfuzosin ext-rel doxazosin dutasteride dutasteride-tamsulosin finasteride silodosin tamsulosin terazosin	
Bisphosphonates / Combinations	Binosto Fosamax Plus D	alendronate ibandronate risedronate	



Traditional Generic Step Therapy FR			
Drug Class	Drugs Requiring Step Therapy*	Covered Generic Options	
Migraine, Selective Serotonin Agonists / Combinations	Onzetra Xsail Zembrace Symtouch	almotriptan eletriptan frovatriptan naratriptan rizatriptan sumatriptan sumatriptan sumatriptan/naproxen zolmitriptan	
Nasal Steroid / Combinations	Ryaltris	azelastine/fluticasone flunisolide fluticasone mometasone	
Prostaglandin Analogues and Combinations	Lumigan Rocklatan Vyzulta	bimatoprost 0.03% latanoprost tafluprost travoprost	
Serotonin Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs)	Fetzima	desvenlafaxine ext-rel duloxetine delayed-rel venlafaxine/venlafaxine ext-rel	
Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs)	Trintellix	citalopram escitalopram fluoxetine (except fluoxetine tablet 60 mg) fluvoxamine/fluvoxamine ext-rel olanzapine/fluoxetine paroxetine HCI/paroxetine HCI ext-rel sertraline	
Sleeping Agents	Belsomra Dayvigo Quviviq	doxepin tabs eszopiclone ramelteon zaleplon zolpidem/zolpidem ext-rel	
Urinary Antispasmodics  Please note: A Member's Plan determines whether one or two generics must be tried first	Gelnique Gemtesa (1 prerequisite only)	darifenacin ext-rel fesoterodine oxybutynin/oxybutynin ext-rel solifenacin tolterodine/tolterodine ext-rel trospium/trospium ext-rel	

<sup>\*</sup> Please note: A Member's Plan determines whether the member must try one or two generics before a brand-name drug is allowed in select drug classes.

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