

### Preferred Drug List

Please refer to the *Preferred Drug List (PDL)* when prescribing for Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus members. This guide does not contain a complete list of drugs. Rather, it lists the preferred drugs within the most commonly prescribed therapeutic categories.

The medications included in the *PDL* are reviewed and approved by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. This committee includes practicing physicians and pharmacists from our provider community. The goal of the *PDL* is to provide cost-effective pharmacotherapy choices based on prospective, concurrent and retrospective review of medication therapies and utilization.

Unless otherwise noted, the use of available generics is required. Multisource, brand-name drugs require prior authorization.

**Note:** Many over-the-counter products are covered and should be considered for first-line therapy when appropriate. Cough and cold agents may be an excluded benefit for some plans.

#### Key:

- \* age restrictions apply
- PA requires prior authorization
- ST requires trial of first-step product
- QL daily dosage limits apply
- RX legend prescription product
- X distribution through specialty pharmacy network
- OTC over-the-counter available by prescription

#### ANTIBACTERIALS

##### ANTIBIOTICS

##### CEPHALOSPORINS

###### First Generation

- QL cefadroxil
- QL cephalexin

###### Second Generation

- QL cefaclor
- QL cefprozil
- QL cefuroxime axetil

###### Third Generation

- QL cefdinir
- QL cefpodoxime

##### FLUOROQUINOLONES

- QL\* ciprofloxacin tabs
- levofloxacin
- \* ofloxacin

##### MACROLIDES

- QL azithromycin
- QL clarithromycin
- QL erythromycin (all salt forms)

##### PENICILLINS

- QL amoxicillin
- QL amoxicillin/clavulanate
- QL ampicillin
- QL dicloxacillin
- QL penicillin VK

##### SULFONAMIDES

- sulfadiazine
- QL sulfamethoxazole

- /trimethoprim
- TETRACYCLINES**
- doxycycline monohydrate (caps/susp only)
- minocycline (IR)
- tetracycline

##### ANTIFUNGALS

- QL clotrimazole troches
- QL fluconazole
- QL griseofulvin
- QL griseofulvin suspension
- QL ketoconazole
- QL nystatin
- QL terbinafine

##### ANTIVIRALS- HEPATITIS C

- PA QL elbasvir/grazoprevir (Zepatier)
- PA peginterferon alfa 2a
- PA peginterferon alfa 2b
- PA QL sofosbuvir (Sovaldi)
- PA QL sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (Epclusa)

##### PA ribavirin

##### ANTIVIRALS

- acyclovir
- famciclovir
- QL valacyclovir

##### HIV/AIDS

*Please see Amerigroup formulary for covered agents.*

##### INFLUENZA

- QL oseltamivir
- QL zanamivir

##### MISCELLANEOUS

- albendazole
- atovaquone-proguanil
- clindamycin
- ethambutol
- isoniazid
- ivermectin
- methenamine
- QL mefloquine
- metronidazole tabs

- neomycin
- QL nitrofurantoin caps
- praziquantel
- pyrazinamide
- rifabutin
- rifampin caps
- rifapentine
- rifater

#### CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS

##### ACE INHIBITORS and COMBINATIONS

- QL benazepril, benazepril/HCTZ
- captopril, captopril/HCTZ
- enalapril, enalapril/HCTZ
- QL fosinopril, fosinopril/HCTZ
- QL lisinopril, lisinopril/HCTZ
- moexipril, moexipril/HCTZ
- perindopril
- quinapril, quinapril/HCTZ

##### ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR BLOCKERS

- QL candesartan, candesartan/HCTZ
- QL irbesartan, irbesartan/HCTZ
- QL losartan, losartan/HCTZ
- QL valsartan, valsartan/HCTZ

##### ANTICOAGULANTS

- apixaban
- PA QL enoxaparin
- jantoven
- QL rivaroxaban
- warfarin

##### ANTIPLATELET AGENTS

- QL OTC aspirin
- cilostazol

##### QL clopidogrel

##### QL dipyridamole

##### BETA BLOCKERS and COMBINATIONS

- acebutolol
- atenolol
- atenolol/chlorthalidone

- betaxolol
- bisoprolol, bisoprolol/HCTZ
- carvedilol
- labetalol
- metoprolol
- QL metoprolol HCTZ
- metoprolol ext rel
- nadolol
- pindolol
- propranolol, propranolol/HCTZ
- propranolol ext rel
- sotalol
- timolol

##### CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS

- QL amlodipine
- QL diltiazem ext-rel
- QL felodipine ext-rel
- QL isradipine
- QL nifedipine ext-rel
- QL nicardipine
- QL verapamil ext-rel

##### DIURETICS

- amiloride
- amiloride/HCTZ
- bumetanide
- chlorthalidone
- furosemide
- hydrochlorothiazide
- indapamide
- metolazone
- spironolactone
- spironolactone/HCTZ (25/25mg only)
- toremide
- triamterene/HCTZ

##### LIPID LOWERING AGENTS

- QL cholestyramine
- colestipol
- QL PA ezetimibe
- QL ST ezetimibe w/simvastatin
- QL fenofibrate
- QL gemfibrozil

QL lovastatin  
QL OTC niacin IR, ER  
QL OTC nicotinic acid  
QL pravastatin  
QL simvastatin  
PCSK-9 INHIBITORS  
PA evolocumab  
MISCELLANEOUS AGENTS  
digoxin tab/soln

### CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

#### ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

QL donepezil  
QL galantamine  
QL galantamine ER  
QL memantine

#### ANALGESICS

QL codeine/APAP  
QL PA fentanyl transdermal  
QL PA fentanyl citrate lozenge  
QL hydrocodone/acetaminophen  
QL hydrocodone/ibuprofen  
QL hydromorphone  
QL meperidine  
QL PA methadone  
QL morphine tab, soln, supp  
QL PA morphine ER tab  
QL oxycodone, oxycodone/APAP

#### HYLAURONICS

PA hyaluronate sodium (Euflexxa)  
PA hyaluronate sodium (Gelsyn)  
PA hyaluronate sodium (Supartz FX)

#### MISCELLANEOUS

lidocaine cream, HC  
lidocaine jelly, gel  
QL lidocaine sol  
lidocaine/pramoxine crm  
(without applicator)  
QL PA lidocaine topical patch  
QL tramadol; tramadol/APAP  
ANTICONVULSANTS  
QL\* carbamazepine  
QL clonazepam tabs

QL diazepam rectal gel  
QL divalproex del-rel, ER, sprinkle  
QL epitol  
QL ethosuximide  
QL felbamate  
QL gabapentin  
QL lamotrigine disper tab, ER,  
ODT

QL levetiracetam  
QL oxcarbazepine  
QL phenobarbital  
QL phenytoin sod ext-rel  
QL phenytoin tabs, chewable  
QL primidone  
QL roweepra  
QL tiagabine (2mg and 4mg)  
QL topiramate  
QL valproic acid  
QL zonisamide

#### ANTIDEPRESSANTS

QL amitriptyline  
QL amitriptyline/perphenazine  
QL amoxapine  
QL bupropion, bupropion SR/XL  
QL chlordiazepoxide/amitriptyline  
QL desipramine  
QL doxepin  
QL imipramine  
QL maprotiline  
QL mirtazapine  
QL nortriptyline  
QL phenelzine  
QL protriptyline  
QL tranlycypromine  
QL trazodone  
QL trimipramine

#### SNRIs

QL venlafaxine  
QL venlafaxine XR

#### SSRIs

QL citalopram  
QL escitalopram  
QL fluoxetine (except 60mg)  
QL fluvoxamine

QL paroxetine hcl  
QL sertraline  
ANTIPSYCHOTICS – oral  
QL\* aripiprazole (tabs only)  
QL\* carbamazepine  
QL\* chlorpromazine  
QL\* clozapine  
QL\* lithium carbonate  
QL\* lithium carbonate ext rel  
QL\* lithium solution  
QL\* loxapine  
QL\* olanzapine tab  
QL\* paliperidone ext rel  
QL\* perphenazine  
PA QL\* pimozide  
QL\* risperidone tab/soln  
QL\* quetiapine IR  
QL\* thioridazine  
QL\* thiothixene  
QL\* trifluoperazine  
QL\* ziprasidone

#### ANTIPSYCHOTICS – injectables

\* PA aripiprazole (Abilify  
Maintena)  
\* PA aripiprazole lauroxil  
(Aristada)  
\*QL fluphenazine decan, inj  
\*QL haloperidol inj  
\*PA olanzapine (Zyprexa  
Relprevv)  
\*PA paliperidone (Invega  
Sustenna)  
\*PA paliperidone (Invega Trinza)  
\*PA risperidone (Risperdal  
Consta)

#### ANXIETY

QL alprazolam  
QL buspirone  
QL chlordiazepoxide  
QL clonazepam  
QL clorazepate  
QL diazepam  
QL hydroxyzine HCl, pamoate  
QL lorazepam

QL oxazepam  
ATTENTION DEFICIT  
HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER  
QL\* amphet/dextroamph, ER  
QL PA\* atomoxetine  
QL PA\* dexmethylphenidate  
QL\* dextroamphetamine, ext-rel  
QL ST\* guanfacine  
QL\* methylphenidate, ext-rel  
MIGRAINE  
QL amitriptyline  
QL butalbital/APAP  
QL butalbital/APAP/caff  
QL butalbital/APAP/caff/codeine  
QL butalbital/ASA  
QL butalbital/ASA/caff  
QL butalbital/ASA/caff/codeine  
QL naratriptan  
propranolol, ext-rel  
QL sumatriptan tabs  
QL ST sumatriptan inj, spray

#### OPIOID/ALCOHOL

DEPENDANCE  
QL acamprosate tab  
QL buprenorphine  
QL buprenorphine/naloxone  
SL tabs/film  
disulfiram  
naloxone inj syr and vials  
naloxone nasal spray  
naltrexone tab  
naltrexone inj

#### PARKINSON'S DISEASE

QL amantadine (except tabs)  
bentropine  
bromocriptine  
carbidopa/levodopa  
carbidopa/levodopa ext-rel  
carbidopa/entacapone  
/levodopa  
pramipexole  
ropinirole  
selegiline caps, tabs  
trihexyphenidyl

#### SEDATIVE/HYPNOTICS

QL chloral hydrate  
estazolam  
QL temazepam (15/ 30mg only)  
QL PA triazolam  
QL zolpidem  
zaleplon

### COUGH & COLD

benzonatate  
QL OTC\*dextromethorphan  
syrup  
QL OTC diphenhydramine  
liquid,capsules  
QL OTC guaifenesin syrup  
QL guaifenesin w/codeine syrup  
QL\* promethazine w/codeine syrup  
QL\* promethazine w/DM syrup  
QL\* pseudoephedrine syrup, tablets  
QL saline spray, drops

### DERMATOLOGY

#### ACNE ORAL

PA claravis  
minocycline IR  
PA myorisan  
tetracycline

#### ACNE TOPICAL

PA adapalene cream, gel  
QL OTC benzoyl peroxide  
clindamycin 1% gel, pad, soln  
clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide 1.2-  
5% gel

OTC Differin 0.1% gel  
erythromycin 2% pad, soln  
metronidazole 0.75% cream, lotion,  
gel  
metronidazole 1% gel, gel pump  
rosadan 0.75% cream, gel  
\* tretinoin gel (0.01%, 0.025%)  
\* tretinoin gel micro 0.1% tube  
\* tretinoin cream (0.025%,  
0.05%, 0.1%)

\* tretinoin emollient crm 0.05%

#### ANTIBACTERIALS

OTC chlorhexidine  
mupirocin oint  
silver sulfadiazine

#### CORTICOSTEROIDS

*Products are grouped based upon relative potency.*

##### LOW

QL RX/OTC hydrocortisone crm,  
lot, oint

QL OTC hydrocortisone-aloe 1%  
crm

##### MEDIUM

QL betamethasone valerate crm

QL fluticasone propionate crm,  
ointment

QL mometasone furoate crm, oint,  
soln

QL triamcinolone acet crm, oint  
**HIGH**

QL amcinonide oint, lot

QL betamethasone dipr aug crm

QL betamethasone dipr lotion

QL betamethasone valerate oint

QL diflorasone diacetate crm

QL fluocinonide E cream

QL triamcinolone acet crm, oint

##### VERY HIGH

QL clobetasol E propionate crm

QL clobetasol propionate crm,  
gel, oint, soln

QL halobetasol propionate crm,  
ointment

#### FUNGAL INFECTIONS

OTC butenafine HCL

QL PA ciclodan 8% soln

QL PA ciclopirox 8% soln

OTC clotrimazole

ketoconazole

OTC miconazole nitrate

nystatin

OTC generic terbinafine HCL  
cream

terbinafine tab

OTC tolnaftate

#### SCABIES AND PEDICULOSIS

QL permethrin 5% cream

QL OTC permethrin 1% rinse

OTC pyrethrins/piperonyl  
butoxide 4%

spinosad 0.9% topical  
suspension

#### VIRAL INFECTIONS

QL acyclovir ointment

QL docosanol topical  
podofilox

QL OTC salicylic acid 17%

#### MISCELLANEOUS

QL ammonium lactate 12%

QL emollient ointment  
(hydrolatum)

QL selenium sulfide shampoo

QL ST tacrolimus oint

QL urea crm/gel 40%

#### EAR, NOSE & THROAT

QL acetic acid/aluminum  
acetate

OTC benzocaine/antipyrine  
carbamide peroxide 6.5%  
neomycin/polymyxinB/hc

QL ofloxacin

#### ANTI-HISTAMINES

QL azelastine spray

QL cyproheptadine

QL OTC diphenhydramine

QL OTC\*fexofenadine

QL OTC loratadine

#### INTRANASAL STEROIDS

QL OTC fluticasone

QL OTC triamcinolone

#### ELECTROLYTIC AND RENAL AGENTS

calcium acetate

PA sucroferric oxyhydroxide  
(Velphoro)

#### ENDOCRINOLOGY

##### ANTIDIABETICS

##### INJECTABLE AGENTS

ST albiglutide

QL ST liraglutide

##### INSULINS

QL insulin aspart/insulin  
aspart protamine  
(Novolog Mix)

QL insulin glargine (Basaglar  
Kwikpen)

QL insulin glulisine (Apidra)

QL insulin isophane & regular  
(Humulin, Novolin)

QL insulin lispro/insulin  
lispro protamine (Humalog  
Mix)

##### MONITORING STRIPS AND KITS/DIABETIC SUPPLIES

QL True Metrix (Trividia)

QL select lancets, select  
syringes and needles

QL True Metrix control sol

QL alcohol prep pads  
(various)

##### ORAL AGENTS

ST empagliflozin

ST empagliflozin/metformin  
glimepiride

glipizide, glipizide ext- rel  
glyburide, glyburide

micronized  
glyburide/metformin

QL ST linagliptin

QL ST linagliptin/metformin

QL ST linagliptin/metformin XR

QL metformin, metformin XR

QL ST nateglinide

QL ST pioglitazone

QL ST pioglitazone/glimepiride

QL ST pioglitazone/metformin

QL ST repaglinide

QL ST simvastatin; sitagliptin

QL ST sitagliptin

QL ST sitagliptin/metformin

QL ST sitagliptin/metformin XR

##### HORMONE THERAPY

PA testosterone cyp inj

PA testosterone enan inj

PA QL testosterone gel 1%

##### HUMAN GROWTH HORMONE

PA somatropin (Zomacton)

##### OSTEOPOROSIS/PAGETS

QL alendronate

QL raloxifene

PA X teriparatide

##### THYROID DISEASE

QL levothyroxine-  
levoxyol

liothyronine

nature-throid

np thyroid

unithroid

westhroid

##### ANTINEOPLASTIC

alkeran

cyclophosphamide

etoposide

leukeran

mercaptopurine

QL octreotide

tabloid

trexall

#### GASTROINTESTINAL

##### DIARRHEA

diphenoxylate/atropine

OTC QL loperamide (tabs only)

##### EMESIS

QL aprepitant

OTC meclizine

metoclopramide

QL ondansetron ODT

prochlorperazine

promethazine

##### GERD/HEARTBURN/ULCERS

OTC QL esomeprazole

OTC RX famotidine oral/inj  
nizatidine

OTC QL omeprazole

OTC QL lansoprazole

OTC RX ranitidine tabs/caps

##### INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE

QL balsalazide

QL hydrocortisone

QL mesalamine rectal susp

QL mesalamine

QL mesalamine/5 ASA

QL sulfasalazine

##### PANCREATIC ENZYMES

QL pancrelipase

#### RHEUMATOLOGY and MUSCULOSKELETAL

##### COX II INHIBITORS

PA QL celecoxib

##### MUSCLE RELAXANTS

QL baclofen

QL carisoprodol

carisoprodol/ASA

chlorzoxazone

QL cyclobenzaprine IR  
(5mg and 10mg only)

dantrolene

QL methocarbamol

orphenadrine

QL tizanidine (tablets only)

##### NSAIDs

diclofenac

diclofenac ext-rel

etodolac

etodolac ext-rel

fenoprofen

ibuprofen

indomethacin

ketoprofen

meloxicam

QL ketorolac tromethamine

QL meclofenamate

nabumetone

naproxen sodium

piroxicam  
sulindac  
MISC. ANTIRHEUMATIC  
auranofin  
azathioprine  
hydroxychloroquine  
leflunomide  
methotrexate  
sulfasalazine  
CHELATING AGENTS (Wilson's  
disease)  
penicillamine  
trientine

### OB-GYN

#### CONTRACEPTIVES

*All generic oral contraceptives are covered*

\*QL EE/norelgestromin

\*QL EE/norgestimate

\*QL etonogestrel /EE vag ring

#### EMERGENCY

#### CONTRACEPTIVES

ulipristal acetate (Ella)

levonorgestrel 1.5 mg tab

#### HORMONE THERAPY

estradiol tabs

ethinyl

estradiol/norethindrone

estropipate

PA hydroxyprogesterone

PA Makena vial

medroxyprogesterone acetate

norethindrone

Yuvafem vaginal insert

#### VAGINAL INFECTIONS

clindamycin crm

OTC clotrimazole crm

fluconazole tabs

metronidazole tabs

metronidazole vaginal gel

OTC miconazole

nystatin vaginal tablet

terconazole

### OPHTHALMIC

#### ALLERGY

QL cromolyn sodium

QL OTC ketotifen

QL lodoxamide

#### ANTI-INFLAMMATORIES

dexamethasone sodium phos

QL diclofenac 0.1% drops

fluorometholone 0.1% drops

QL neomycin/polymyxinB/HC sol

dexamethasone drops

prednisolone acetate 1%

drops

prednisolone sod 1% drops

sulfacetamide/prednisolone

drops

tobramycin/dexameth ophth

susp

#### GLAUCOMA

QL brimonidine

QL dorzolamide

QL dorzolamide/timolol

QL latanoprost

QL levobunolol

QL pilocarpine

QL timolol

QL timolol maleate (solution only)

#### INFECTIONS

QL bacitracin

QL bacitracin/polymyxin B oint

QL ciprofloxacin

QL erythromycin

PA gatifloxacin

QL gentamicin

PA moxifloxacin

neomycin/polymyxin

B/gramicidin

ofloxacin

polymyxin B/trimethoprim

sulfacetamide 10%

tobramycin

QL trifluridine

### RESPIRATORY DRUGS

#### BETA AGONISTS

QL albuterol tabs, syrup

QL albuterol sulfate (Ventolin  
HFA)

QL metaproterenol syrup

QL terbutaline tabs

#### CORTICOSTEROIDS

QL flunisolide (Aerospan)

QL fluticasone furoate  
(Arnuity Ellipta)

ST QL fluticasone/vilanterol  
(Breo Ellipta)

ST QL mometasone/formoterol  
(Dulera)

#### LEUKOTRIENE MODIFIERS

QL montelukast

QL zafirlukast

#### NEBULIZER INHALATIONS

QL albuterol soln

QL \* budesonide susp

QL cromolyn soln

QL ipratropium soln

QL ipratropium/albuterol soln

#### XANTHINES

theophylline ER tabs

theophylline soln/elixir

#### OTHERS

QL AL albuterol; ipratropium MDI

QL ipratropium HFA

QL tiotropium (Spiriva Respimat)

QL umeclidinium/vilanterol  
(Anoro Ellipta)

#### PULMONARY ARTERIAL

#### HYPERTENSION AGENTS

PA ambrisentan

#### SPACER DEVICES

QL Ace Aerosol Cloud Enhancer

QL AeroTrach Holding Chamber

QL Aerovent Plus Holding  
Chamber

QL Breatherite Spacer

QL Breathrite Chamber

QL Compact Space Chamber

QL Liteaire

QL Microchamber

QL Microspacer

QL Optichamber Diamond

QL Pocket Chamber

QL Primeaire Chamber

QL Prochamber Holding Chamber

QL Riteflo Spacer

QL Vortex Holding Chamber

QL Vortex VHC Frog Child Mask

QL Vortex VHC Ladybug Toddler

QL Watchhaler Spacer

### UROLOGICAL

alfuzosin

bethanechol

darifenacin

doxazosin

finasteride

QL oxybutynin, oxybutynin ext-rel

OTC oxytrol for women

tamsulosin

terazosin

tolterodine, tolterodine ER

tropium, tropium ER

### SMOKING DETERRENTS

QL bupropion SR

OTC QL nicotine patch, gum,  
lozenge

Nicotrol Inhaler, nasal spray

varenicline (Chantix)

### MISCELLANEOUS

QL epinephrine 0.15 Mg Auto-  
Inject

QL epinephrine 0.3 Mg Auto-Inject

epinephrine 0.1 Mg/MI Syringe

epinephrine 1 Mg/MI Vial