

### 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
- QL rivaroxaban
- warfarin (Brand and Generic)

##### 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  
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, ER  
QL memantine  
ANALGESICS  
QL codeine/APAP  
QL PAfentanyl transdermal  
QL PA fentanyl citrate lozenge  
QL hydrocodone/acetaminophen  
QL hydrocodone/ibuprofen  
QL hydromorphone  
QL meperidine  
QL PAmethadone  
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, 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 tranylcypromine  
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 \* loxapine  
QL \* olanzapine tab  
QL \* paliperidone ext rel  
QL \* perphenazine  
PA QL \* pimozone  
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 \*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  
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  
PA zenatane  
ACNE TOPICAL  
PA adapalene cream, gel  
QL OTC benzoyl peroxide  
clindamycin 1% gel, pad, soln  
clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide 1.2-  
5% gel  
erythromycin 2% pad, soln  
metronidazole cream  
\* 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, oint

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, oint

**FUNGAL INFECTIONS**

OTC butenafine HCL

QL PA ciclodan 8% soln

QL PA ciclopirox 8% soln

OTC clotrimazole

OTC ketoconazole

OTC miconazole nitrate

OTC 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**

**ANTI-DIABETICS**

**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-levoxyl

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

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/MENOPAUSE**

conjugated estrogens  
 estradiol tabs  
 ethinyl  
 estradiol/norethindrone  
 estropipate  
 medroxyprogesterone acetate  
 norethindrone

**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  
 flurbiprofen 0.03% 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

**OTHERS**

QL AL albuterol; ipratropium MDI

QL ipratropium HFA

QL tiotropium 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  
 trospium, trospium 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