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## Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus (Empire) Hot Tip: Allergies

Your Empire patients on nonpreferred products will experience a pharmacy claim rejection. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, please consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible.

Therapeutic class	Nonpreferred products	Preferred products
Allergies	Zyrtec/Zyrtec D Generic: Cetirizine/Cetirizine D <sup>1</sup>	Fexofenadine/Fexofenadine-D Brand: Allegra/Allegra D
	Xyzal Generic: Levocetirizine <sup>1</sup>	Over-the-counter (OTC) Loratadine, Loratadine/Pseudoephedrine Brand: OTC Claritin/Claritin D
	Clarinet Generic: Desloratadine <sup>1</sup>	
	Flonase Nasal Spray Generic: Fluticasone Nasal <sup>1</sup>	OTC Flonase Allergy Relief
	Nasacort	OTC Triamcinolone Acetonide Nasal Relief
	Nasonex Generic: Mometasone <sup>1</sup>	
	Patanol 0.1% Eye Drops Generic: Olopatadine <sup>1</sup>	OTC Allergy Eye Drops, Ketotifen 0.025% Brand: OTC Zaditor
	Pataday 0.2% Eye Drops Generic: Olopatadine <sup>1</sup>	OTC Alaway Eye Drops, Ketotifen 0.025%
	Alocril 2% Eye Drops	
	Alomide 0.1% Eye Drops	Epinastine 0.05% Eye Drops Brand: Elestat
Bepreve 1.5% Eye Drops	Azelastine 0.05% Eye Drops	
Emadine 0.5% Eye Drops	Cromolyn 4% Eye drops	
Lastacaft 0.25% Eye Drops		
Pazeo 0.7% Eye Drops		
1 Neither brand nor generic formulations are covered.		

If you have questions regarding this *Hot Tip*, please call Provider Services at **1-800-450-8753**.

Preferred Drug List:

<https://mediproviders.empireblue.com/ny/pages/formularies.aspx>

[www.empireblue.com/nymedicaiddoc](http://www.empireblue.com/nymedicaiddoc)

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