

Pocket Formulary Comparison

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PAIN MANAGEMENT: NSAIDS

OTC: Advil, Motrin, Aleve, Actron, & Orudis KT							
ibuprofen (Motrin), Salsalate (Disalcid), Naproxen (Naprosyn, Anaprox), Sulindac (Clinoril)	10	F	F	F	F	F	F
Etodolac (Lodine)	20	F	F	F	F	F	F
Nabumetone (Relafen)	70	NF	F	G	F	NF	F
Oxaprozin (Daypro)	50	NF	F	G	F	F	NF
Celecoxib (Celebrex)	130	NF	NF	NPA	NF	NPA	NPA

RESPIRATORY AGENTS

Albuterol (Proventil, Ventolin)	15	F	F	F	F	F	F
Metaproterenol (Alupent)	20	NF	F	F	F	F	F
Pirbuterol (Maxair)	100	NF	NF	F	F	F	F
Formoterol (Foradil)	100	F	F	F	NF	F	NF
Salmeterol (Serevent Diskus)	105	F	F	F	FPA	F	F
Ipratropium (Atrovent)	100	F	F	F	F	F	F
Ipratropium/Albuterol (Combivent)	110	F	F	NF	F	NF	F
Tiotropium (Spiriva)	120	F	NF	QL	F	FPA	NF
Beclomethasone (QVAR)	80	NF	F	F	F	F	F
Triamcinolone (Azmacort)	85	NF	F	F	F	F	NF
Fluticasone (Flovent)	110	F	F	F	F	F	F
Flunisolide (Aerobid / M)	140	NF	NF	NF	F	NF	NF
Budesonide (Pulmicort)	175	F	F	QL	F	F	NF
Salmeterol / Fluticasone (Advair)	160	F	F	F	FPA	F	FPA
Nedocromil (Tilade)	95	NF	NF	NF	F	F	F
Cromolyn (Intal)	75	F	F	F	F	F	F
Zafirlukast (Accolate)	80	NF	NF	NF	F	NF	FPA
Montelukast (Singulair)	100	F	NPA	FPA	F	FPA	FPA

Antiallergy Medication

1 st Line OTC: Claritin or Claritin D, Alavert, Nolahist, Chlor-Trimeton, Dimetapp, Tavist-ND & Sudafed							
Azelastine (Astellin Nasal Spray)	80	NF	F	F	F	F	F
Cetirizine (Zyrtec)	65	NF	NPA	NPA	NF	NPA	NPA
Desloratadine (Clarinet)	75	NF	NPA	NPA	NF	NPA	FPA
Fexofenadine (Allegra)	80	NF	NPA	NPA	NF	NPA	FPA
Montelukast (Singulair)	100	F	NPA	FPA	F	FPA	FPA

Nasal Sprays

OTC: Nasalcrom							
Flunisolide (Nasalide)	60	F	NF	F	F	NF	F
Flunisolide (Nasarel)	80	F	NF	F	F	NF	F
Budesonide (Rhinocort Aqua)	90	NF	F	NF	F	NF	F
Beclomethasone (Beconase AQ)	85	NF	F	NF	F	NF	F
Fluticasone (Flonase)	80	F	F	F	F	F	F
Triamcinolone (Nasacort AQ)	85	NF	NF	NF	NF	F	NF
Mometasone (Nasonex)	85	F	F	F	NF	F	F

Please Note

This abbreviated drug guide is intended to assist prescribers in the selection of cost-effective drug therapy. Prices are based on the average wholesale price (AWP) or maximum allowable cost (MAC) per weighted average 30-day supply or per course of antibiotics. For antibiotics, the first price listed is for liquid dosage forms and the second price is for solid dosage forms. Medications available as generics are listed in bold and highlighted in yellow. Some covered medications may require prior authorization before they will be covered by the plan. Consider using over-the-counter (OTC) products as first-line agents when appropriate.

Note: Not all medications available as generic are listed

Health Plan Coverages

(F)	indicates a formulary medication
(FPA)	indicates a formulary medication that requires prior authorization or step therapy or has quantity or age limits.
(NPA)	indicates a non-formulary medication that requires prior authorization, step therapy or has quantity or age limits.
(NF)	indicates a non-formulary medication
(B) (G)	indicates coverage of brand-drug or generic-drug only
(QL)	quantity limits apply

For many healthplans, if a generic equivalent is available, the brand name drug may not be a covered benefit. The generic equivalent will be dispensed.

You may need to consult with the health plan's formulary for additional information. The information listed is accurate as of the date of printing of this Pocket Guide. This information has been obtained from the healthplan or their websites.

Health Plan Prior Authorization Telephone Numbers and Health Plan Internet Addresses

Aetna www.aetna.com	1-800-414-2386 1-800-408-2386 (Fax)
Blue Cross (California Care) www.bluecrossca.com	1-800-678-3784 1-888-831-2243 (Fax)
Blue Shield www.mylifepath.com	1-800-535-9481 1-888-697-8122 (Fax)
CIGNA www.cigna.com	1-800-832-3211 1-800-390-9745 (Fax)
Health Net www.healthnet.com	1-800-548-5524 1-818-676-8086 (Fax)
PacifiCare www.pacificare.com/california/providers	1-800-711-4555 1-800-527-0531 (Fax)

Not all benefit plans include outpatient prescription drug benefits. For specific coverage and limitations please refer to local plan specifications and benefit design. The most up-to-date listings of the formularies can be found on-line.

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ANTIBIOTICS (NOTE: LIQUID AND SOLID FORMS AVAILABLE FOR MOST PRODUCTS LISTED.)

1st Line	L/S* 10 day course (or approved duration)						
Amoxicillin, Bactrim generic, Doxycycline, Erythromycin, Cephalexin	5/5	F	F	F	F	F	F
2nd Line							
Erythromycin/Sulfisoxazole (Pediazole)	15	F	F	F	F	F	F
Ciprofloxacin (Cipro)	25/50	FPA	F	F	F	F	F
Amox/Clavunate (Augmentin)	75/75	F	F	F	F	F	F
Cefuroxime (Ceftin)	60/85	F	F	F	F	F	NF
Azithromycin (Zithromax)	40/50	F	F	QL	QL	F	F
Clarithromycin (Biaxin)	95/80	F	F	QL	F	F	F
Clarithromycin (Biaxin XL)	90	F	F	QL	F	F	F
Cefprozil (Cefzil)	110/75	NF	F	NF	F	F	NF
Cefdinir (Omnicef)	80/70	F	F	F	F	F	F
Augmentin ES	75	F	F	F	F	F	F
Augmentin XR	95	F	F	F	NF	F	F
Gatifloxacin (Tequin)	90	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF
Moxifloxacin (Avelox)	100	FPA	NF	QL	NF	F	F
Levofloxacin (Levaquin)	110	NF	F	NF	F	NF	NF

CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS

1st Line Antihypertensives: Diuretics and Beta Blockers

ACE Inhibitors / Angiotensin Receptor Blockers							
Captopril (Capoten)	5	F	F	F	F	F	F
Lisinopril (Prinivil, Zestril)	15	F	F	F	F	F	F
Benazepril (Lotensin)	15	F	F	F	F	F	F
Fosinopril (Monopril)	40	F	NF	F	F	F	NF
Quinapril (Accupril)	45	F	F	G	F	F	NF
Moexipril (Univasc)	30	NF	NF	NF	F	F	F
Trandolopril (Mavik)	40	NF	NF	NF	F	NF	NF
Ramipril (Altace)	60	F	F	NF	F	F	NF
Olmesartan (Benicar) / HCT	45	NF	NF	FPA	NF	FPA	FPA
Valsartan (Diovan) / HCT	60	F	F	FPA	FPA	FPA	FPA
Irbesartan (Avapro)	60	NF	NF	FPA	NF	NPA	NPA
Candesartan (Atacand)	60	NF	NF	NPA	NF	NPA	NPA
Losartan (Cozaar)	70	F	F	NPA	FPA	NPA	NPA
Benazepril / Amlodipine (Lotrel)	85	F	F	NF	F	NF	F

Beta Blockers

Atenolol (Tenormin)	5	F	F	F	F	F	F
Metoprolol (Lopressor)	5	F	F	F	F	F	F
Metoprolol XL (Toprol XL)	35	NF	F	F	F	F	F
Carvediol (Coreg)	110	F	F	F	FPA	F	F

Calcium Channel Blockers

Verapamil SR (Calan SR)	10	F	F	F	F	F	F
Diltiazem Long Acting	35	F	F	F	F	F	F
Nifedipine LA	40	F	F	F	F	F	F
Felodipine (Plendil)	40	F	F	F	F	F	F
Nisoldipine (Sular)	45	NF	F	F	NF	F	F
Amlodipine (Norvasc)	60	NF	F	NF	F	F	NF

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Lipid Lowering Agents							
Lovastatin (Mevacor)	30	F	F	G	F	F	F
Ezetimibe (Zetia)	70	NF	FPA	NPA	NF	NF	NF
Fluvastatin (Lescol / Lescol XL)	65/75	F	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF
Rosuvastatin (Crestor)	80	NF	NF	NF	NF	NPA	NF
Simvastatin/Ezetimibe (Vytorin)	85	F	NF	F	F	F	F
Lovastatin / Niacin (Advicor)	85	F	NF	F	NF	F	F
Atorvastatin (Lipitor)	90	NF	F	NF	NF	NF	NF
Pravastatin (Pravachol)	125	NF	NF	F	NF	F	F
Simvastatin (Zocor) NB: generic in '06	130	F	F	F	F	F	F
Niaspan	80	F	F	F	F	F	F
Gemfibrozil (Lopid)	15	F	F	F	F	F	F
Fenofibrate (Tricor)	95	F	F	NF	F	F	F
Questran (cholestyramine)	75	NF	F	F	F	F	F
Blood Modifiers							
Ticlopidine (Ticlid)	65	F	NF	F	F	F	NF
Clopidogrel (Plavix)	130	F	F	F	F	F	F
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM AGENTS							
Antidepressants							
Trazodone (Desyrel)	5	F	F	F	F	F	F
Fluoxetine (Prozac)	20	F	F	F	F	F	F
Paroxetine (Paxil)	70	F	F	F	F	F	F
Citalopram (Celexa)	85	F	F	G	F	F	F
Bupropion (Wellbutrin)	70	F	F	F	F	F	F
Bupropion (Wellbutrin SR)	100	F	F	F	F	F	F
Escitalopram (Lexapro)	75	NF	F	NF	NF	F	F
Paroxetine (Paxil CR)	95	F	F	F	F	F	F
Sertaline (Zoloft)	100	NF	F	NF	F	NF	NF
Bupropion (Wellbutrin XL)	125	F	F	F	F	F	F
Venlafaxine (Effexor XR)	140	F	F	F	F	F	F
Venlafaxine (Effexor)	105	NF	F	NF	F	F	F
Duloxetine (Cymbalta)	120	NF	NF	NF	NF	NPA	NF
Antimigraine: PR = suppository, QL = Quantity Limits							
Floricet	75	F	F	F	F	F	F
Midrin	25	F	NF	F	F	F	F
Ergotamine/Caffeine (Cafergot)	140	F	F	F	F	F	F
Migranal Nasal Spray (#4)	130	F	F	QL	QL	NF	NF
	Cost / Tab						
Zolmitriptan (Zomig - pkg size #6)	21	NF	QL	NF	QL	NF	QL
Rizatriptan (Maxalt - pkg size #9)	20	QL	QL	QL	NF	NF	NF
Sumatriptan (Imitrex - pkg size #9)	20	QL	QL	QL	QL	QL	QL
Almotriptan (Axert - pkg size #6)	21	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF
Eletriptan (Relpax - pkg size #6)	17	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF
Naratriptan (Amerge - pkg size #9)	22	QL	NF	QL	NF	QL	NF
ADHD Medications							
Amphetamine (Adderall)	90	F	F	F	F	F	F
Dexedrine	35	F	F	F	F	F	F
Methylphenidate (Ritalin)	35	F	F	F	F	F	F
Methylphenidate SR (Ritalin SR)	55	F	NF	F	F	F	F
Adderall XR	100	F	F	F	F	NF	FPA
Metadate ER	35	F	F	G	F	NF	NF
Metadate CD	95	F	F	NF	F	NF	NF
Concerta	110	NF	F	F	F	F	FPA
Strattera	125	NF	NF	NF	F	NPA	NPA

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DIABETIC AGENTS							
Oral Hypoglycemics							
Glipizide (Glucotrol)	10	F	F	F	F	F	F
Glyburide (Diabeta, Micronase)	20	F	F	F	F	F	F
Glipizide LA (Glucotrol XL)	25	F	F	F	F	F	NF
Metformin (Glucophage)	30	F	F	F	F	F	F
Metformin (Glucophage XR)	45	F	F	G	F	F	F
Metformin/Glyburide (Glucovance)	90	F	F	G	F	F	FPA
Metformin/Glipizide (Metaglip)	80	NF	F	NF	NF	F	FPA
Acarbose (Precose)	75	NF	F	F	F	F	NF
Nateglinide (Starlix)	110	F	F	NF	NF	NF	NF
Repaglinide (Prandin)	130	F	F	NF	F	F	NF
Metformin/Rosiglitazone (Avandamet)	155	F	F	NF	FPA	FPA	FPA
Rosiglitazone (Avandia)	140	F	F	NPA	FPA	FPA	FPA
Pioglitazone (Actos)	165	F	F	FPA	NF	FPA	NPA
Insulins - Cost per 10ml vial							
Humulin R, L or N	60	F	F	F	F	F	F
Novolin R, L or N	70	NF	F	NF	F	NF	F
Lantus	90	F	F	F	F	NF	F
Humalog	135	F	F	F	F	F	F
Novolog	145	F	F	NF	F	NF	F
GASTROINTESTINAL AGENTS - ANTIULCER / GERD							
OTC: Zantac 75, Zantac 150, Pepcid AC, Prilosec OTC							
Ranitidine or Cimetidine	10	F	F	F	F	F	F
Omeprazole (Prilosec)	75	10mg	GPA	G	FPA	NPA	NPA
Pantoprazole (Protonix)	115	NF	FPA	F	FPA	NF	F
Rabeprazole (Aciphex)	145	FPA	NPA	F	NF	F	F
Esomeprazole (Nexium)	160	NF	NPA	NPA	NF	NPA	NPA
Lanosoprazole (Prevacid)	165	FPA	FPA	NPA	FPA	NPA	NPA
GENITOURINARY AGENTS							
Oxybutynin (Ditropan)	10	F	F	F	F	F	F
Darifenacin (Enablex)	100	NF	NF	FPA	NF	NF	NF
Oxybutynin (Ditropan XL)	130	NF	NF	NPA	F	NF	FPA
Oxybutynin (Oxytrol)	105	F	NF	FPA	F	NF	NF
Tolterodine (Detrol)	125	F	F	NPA	NF	NF	NF
Tolterodine (Detrol LA)	125	F	F	NPA	NF	NF	NF
Trospium (Sanctura)	80	NF	NF	NPA	NF	NF	NF
OB-GYN Agents							
Oral Contraceptives 28 days							
Monophasic							
Ortho-Novum 1/50	40	F	G	G	B/G	B	B
Demulen 1/50	52	NF	G	F	B/G	G	B
Ovcon 50	41	NF	NF	F	B	NF	NF
Ovral-28	58	NF	G	F	B/G	G	B
Ortho-Novum 1/35	31	F	G	G	B/G	B	B
Brevicon	42	NF	G	G	B/G	NF	NF
Modicon	44	F	F	NF	B/G	B	F
Demulin 1/35	47	NF	G	F	B/G	G	B
Ovcon 35 (non-chew tabs)	36	NF	NF	F	F	NF	NF
Ortho-Cyclen	38	F	F	G	B/G	B	F
Desogen or generic	31	NF	NF	B	B/G	NF	B
Ortho-Cept	40	F	G	NF	B/G	B	NF

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Oral Contraceptives Continued - Monophasic							
Lo/Ovral	36	NF	G	F	B/G	G	B
Loestrin 1.5/30 / Loestrin FE	36	NF	F	F	B/G	G	NF
Levlen-28	34	NF	G	G	B/G	B	G
Nordette	32	NF	F	F	B/G	NF	F
Seasonale	36	NF	F	NF	NF	NF	NF
Alesse	36	NF	G	F	B/G	NF	B
Levite	36	NF	F	F	B/G	B	NF
Loestrin 1/20 / Loestrin FE	36	NF	F	F	B/G	G	NF
Yasmin	34	NF	F	F	F	F	F
Biphasic							
Mircette	36	NF	F	B	B/G	B	B
Ortho-Novum 10/11	36	F	F	G	B/G	B	B
Triphasic							
Tri-Norinyl	38	NF	F	F	B/G	G	NF
Triphasil	32	NF	G	F	B/G	NF	B
Tri-Levlen	33	NF	NF	F	B/G	B	NF
Cyclessa	33	NF	F	F	B/G	NF	B
Estrostep	36	NF	F	NF	NF	NF	NF
Ortho Tri-Cyclen	36	F	F	G	B/G	B	B
Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo	36	F	F	NF	F	F	F
Ortho-Novum 7/7/7	36	F	F	G	B/G	B	B
Patch or Ring							
Ortho Evra	35	F	F	NF	F	F	F
Nuvaring	40	NF	NF	F	NF	F	F
Progestin Only							
Nor-Q-D	43	NF	F	F	B/G	NF	NF
Ortho Micronor	40	F	F	NF	B/G	F	F
Emergency Contraception							
Plan B	22	F	F	F	F	F	F
Estrogens / Bone Modifiers							
Estradiol (Estrace)	5	F	F	F	F	F	F
Esterified Estrogens (Menest)	15	F	F	F	F	F	F
Conjugated Estrogen (Cenestin)	35	F	F	NF	NF	NF	NF
Conjugated Estrogens (Premarin)	35	NF	F	F	F	F	F
Prempro	45	NF	F	F	F	F	F
Premphase	45	NF	F	F	F	F	F
Prefest	35	F	F	NF	NF	NF	NF
FemHRT	40	NF	F	NF	NF	NF	NF
Activella	40	NF	F	F	NF	NF	NF
Climara	45	NF	F	F	F	F	NF
Alora	55	NF	F	NF	F	NF	F
Vivelle Dot	45	F	F	F	F	F	F
Estraderm	45	F	F	NF	F	F	F
Alendronate (Fosamax) 5,10,70mg	80	F	F	F	F	F	F
Risedronate (Actonel) 5,35mg	75	F	F	NF	NF	F	F
Calcitonin Salmon (Miacalcin NS)	45	NF	F	FPA	F	F	FPA
Raloxifene (Evista)	80	F	F	F	F	F	F