

Drug List exclusions for Blue Cross commercial plans

The drugs shown below aren't covered on the commercial Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan drug lists. In most cases, if you fill a prescription for one of these drugs, you'll pay the full retail price.

If you're currently using one of the excluded drugs, please ask your doctor to write you a prescription for one of the following preferred alternatives. They have similar effectiveness, quality and safety but at a fraction of the cost. Our exclusions criteria are based on current medical information and have been approved by the Blue Cross Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. If medical necessity coverage is approved, quantity limits may apply.

The following list isn't comprehensive. If you have a question about a drug that isn't covered and doesn't appear on this list, call the Customer Service number on the back of your Blue Cross ID card.

Drug List exclusions with preferred alternatives

This list contains the class, subclass and preferred alternatives for the excluded drug. The trade (brand) names for the preferred alternatives are listed in parentheses for reference. The generic equivalents of the brand-name drugs are also excluded.

Drug Class: Anti-infectives		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Antivirals	Viekira Pak™ Viekira XR™	Epclusa® Zepatier™
Cephalosporins	Daxbia™	cephalexin (Keflex®)
Tetracyclines	Acticlate® CAP Targadox™ Ximino™	doxycycline monohydrate (Monodox®) minocycline (Minocin®) tetracycline

Drug Class: Cardiovascular, hypertension, cholesterol		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Lipid-lowering agents	Altoprev® Nikita™ Zypitamag™	rosuvastatin (Crestor®) fluvastatin (Lescol®, Lescol® XL) atorvastatin (Lipitor®) lovastatin (Mevacor®) pravastatin (Pravachol®) simvastatin (Zocor®)

Drug Class: Central Nervous System		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
CNS stimulants	Cotempla XR-ODT™ Mydayis™	amphetamine/dextroamphetamine extended-release capsules (Adderall XR®)* methylphenidate extended-release capsules (Metadate CD®)* methylphenidate solution and chewable tablet (Methylin®) *can be opened and sprinkled on applesauce
Migraine therapy	Allzital acetaminophen/caffeine/dihydrocodone butalbital/acetaminophen 300mg (Bupap®)	butalbital/acetaminophen/caffeine (Esgic®) butalbital/aspirin/caffeine (Fiorinal®) butalbital/acetaminophen 325mg (Phrenilin®)
Narcotics	Arymo™ ER MorphaBond™ ER Troxyca® ER Vantrela™ ER Xtampza™ ER	fentanyl patch (Duragesic®) hydromorphone ER (Exalgo®) methadone morphine sulfate ER (MS Contin®)
	Oxaydo® RoxyBond™	hydromorphone immediate-release (Dilaudid®) morphine sulfate immediate-release (MSIR) oxycodone immediate-release (OxyIR)
Narcotic antagonists	Evzio®	naloxone hcl injection naloxone nasal spray (Narcan®)
Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs	Duexis®	ibuprofen (Motrin®) plus famotidine (Pepcid®)
	Vimovo®	naproxen (Naprosyn®) plus a generic proton pump inhibitor (esomeprazole, lansoprazole, omeprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole)
Parkinsons disease and related disorders	Gocovri™	amantadine hcl (Symmetrel®)

Salicylates	Durlaza [®]	aspirin (Ecotrin [®])
	Yosprala [™]	generic aspirin plus generic omeprazole (Prilosec [®])
Skeletal muscle relaxants	chlorzoxazone 250mg	chlorzoxazone 500mg (Parafon Forte [®] DSC)

Drug Class: Dermatology		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Acne Treatment	Aczone [®] 7.5% Retin-A [®] micro pump 0.06%	adapalene 0.1% cream/gel (Differin [®]) benzamycin/clindamycin gel (Benzacilin [®]) Tazorac [®] tretinoin (Retin-A [®])
Antipsoriatic and antiseborrheic (Treatment of Psoriasis)	Siliq [™]	Cosentyx [®] Humira [®] Otezla [®] Stelara [®]
Corticosteroids- Medium Potency	Cordran [®] lotion flurandrenolide lotion Locoid [®] lotion hydrocortisone butyrate lotion (Locoid [®]) Sernivo [™]	betamethasone dipropionate- cream, gel, lotion, ointment (Diprosone [®]) betamethasone valerate- cream, lotion, ointment (Valisone [®]) fluticasone- cream, lotion, ointment, spray (Cutivate [®]) hydrocortisone butyrate- cream, ointment, topical solution (Locoid [®]) mometasone- cream, ointment, topical solution (Elocon [®]) triamcinolone- cream, lotion, ointment (Aristocort, Kenalog [®])
Corticosteroids- High to Very High Potency	Ultravate [®] lotion Ultravate [®] -X	augmented betamethasone dipropionate- cream, ointment, lotion (Diprolene [®]) clobetasol propionate- cream, gel, ointment, topical solution (Clobex [®]) fluocinonide- cream, gel, ointment, topical solution (Lidex [®] , Lidex-E [®]) halobetasol propionate- cream, ointment (Ultravate [®])

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs	Dithol	General oral nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (such as diclofenac (Voltaren [®] , Voltaren [®] XR), ibuprofen (Motrin [®]), naproxen (Naproxyn [®]), meloxicam (Mobic [®]) diclofenac sodium 1.% topical gel (Voltaren [®])
Topical Anesthetics	Synera [®]	lidocaine/prilocaine cream (Emla [®])
Topical Antibacterials	Centany [®]	mupirocin cream, ointment (Bactroban [®])
Topical Antifungals	Jublia [®] Kerydin [®] Onmel [®]	topical ciclopirox (Penlac [®]) oral itraconazole (Sporanox [®]) oral terbinafine (Lamisil [®]) griseofulvin (Gris-Peg [®])

Drug Class: Endocrinology

Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Corticosteroids	LoCort TaperDex ZoDex ZonaCort	dexamethasone
Non-insulin hypoglycemic agents	Glumetza [®] metformin ER (Glumetza [®])	metformin HCL (Glucophage [®]) metformin HCL ER (Glucophage [®] XR, Fortamet [®])

Drug Class: Gastrointestinal

Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Ulcer therapy	glycopyrrolate 1.5mg (Glycate [™])	glycopyrrolate 1mg, 2mg (Robinul [®] , Robinul [®] Forte)
Miscellaneous Gastrointestinal Agents	Relistor [®] injection Trulance [®]	Amitiza [®] lactulose Linzess [®] polyethylene glycol 3350 (Glycolax [®])

Drug Class: Ophthalmology

Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Ophthalmic Anti-inflammatory Agents	BromSite™	bromfenac (Bromday™, Xibrom™) diclofenac (Voltaren®) ketorolac (Acular®)

Drug Class: Otic and nasal preparations		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Nasal Preparations	Xhance™	azelastine hcl (Astelin®) fluticasone propionate (Flonase®)

Drug Class: Respiratory, cough and cold		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Antihistamines	carbinoxamine 6mg (Ryvent™) Ryvent™	loratadine (Claritin®) levocetirizine (Xyzal®) cetirizine (Zyrtec®) carbinoxamine 4mg
Epinephrine	Auvi-Q® EpiPen® EpiPen Jr®	epinephrine 0.15 mg and 0.3 mg (Adrenaclick® authorized generic) epinephrine 0.15mg and 0.3 mg (EpiPen®/EpiPen Jr® authorized generic)
Inhaled steroids	Alvesco®	Arnuity® Ellipta® budesonide (Pulmicort® solution) Flovent® HFA, Diskus Pulmicort Flexhaler® Qvar®, Redihaler™
Inhaled steroid and beta-agonist combinations	AirDuo™ RespiClick®	Advair® HFA Breo® Ellipta® Dulera® fluticasone propionate/salmeterol (AirDuo™ RespiClick® authorized generic) Symbicort®

Drug Class: Urology		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Urinary antispasmodics	Oxytrol®	oxybutynin (Ditropan®, Ditropan XL®) tolterodine (Detrol®, Detrol® LA) trospium (Sanctura®, Sanctura XR®)

Drug Class: Diagnostic and other miscellaneous		
Drug Subclass	Excluded Drug	Preferred Alternatives
Chelating agents	Cuprimine®	Depen®

These exclusions apply to most Blue Cross commercial members; they don't apply to Medicare plans.