

EmblemHealth 2011 Pharmacy Services Formulary Summary



This is a list of the most commonly prescribed preferred drugs for members of EmblemHealth, GHI, HIP and Vytra Commercial benefit plans with prescription drug coverage. Drugs marked with an asterisk will become non-preferred when a generic equivalent product becomes available. Make sure to ask your doctor to prescribe generic drugs whenever appropriate; this may lower your out-of-pocket expenses.

NOTE: Not all drugs listed are covered by all pharmacy benefit programs, so coverage is not guaranteed. Please use the formulary search at emblemhealth.com/rxlookup, or check your benefit materials, to find out if a specific drug is covered under your pharmacy benefit. You should also check your benefit materials for the copay and any other responsibilities you may have under your pharmacy benefit. For additional questions about your prescription drug coverage, please call the phone number printed on your ID card.

A	CANASA	EMEND	isosorbide mononitrate	nefazodone hcl	RANEXA
ABILIFY	carbamazepine#, -XR	EMTRIVA	itraconazole	neomycin/polymyxin/dex	ranitidine hcl
acarbose	carbidopa/levodopa	enalapril-hctz	J, K	NIASPAN [DQ]	RAPAMUNE
acetaminophen w/codeine	carvedilol	ENBREL [INJ][PA] [DQ]	JANUMET	nicardipine hcl	REBIF [inj] [DQ]
acetaminophen w/hydrocodone	carisoprodol	enoxaparin sod# [INJ][PA]	JANUVIA	nifedipine -er#	RENVELA
ACIPHEX [ST]	carteolol hcl	EPIPEN -JR. [inj]	jolivet	nitrofurantoin	REPRONEX [inj] [PA]
ACTIVELLA	cartia xt	EPZICOM	junel fe	nitroglycerin#	RESTASIS
ACTONEL	CAVERJECT [inj] [DQ]	errin	KALETRA	NITROLINGUAL	REYATAZ
ACTOS	cefaclor -er#	erythromycin#	ketoconazole	NITROSTAT	ribavirin
ACTOPLUS MET	cefdinir	estradiol - patch#	ketoprofen#	nizatidine	rifampin
ACULAR	cefepodoxime proxetil	estradiol	L	NORDITROPIN [inj] [PA]	RIOMET
acyclovir	cefuroxime	ESTRING	lactulose#	norethindrone acetate	risperidone odt, -M#
adapalene	CELEBREX	estropipate	LANOXIN	nortrel	ropinirole
ADVAIR DISKUS, HFA	cephalexin	ethosuximide	lamotrigine#	nortriptyline hcl	ROZEREM
ADVICOR [DQ]	chlorhexidine gluconate	etodolac	lansoprazole	NORVIR	S
AGGRENOL	CIALIS [DQ]	EVISTA	leflunomide	NOVOFINE	salsalate
albuterol sulfate	cimetidine	EXELON	LESCOL, -XL [ST]	NOVOLIN [inj]	selegiline hcl
alendronate#	CIPRODEX	EXELON PATCH	lessina	NOVOLOG [inj]	selenium sulfide
allopurinol	ciprofloxacin#	EXFORGE	LETAIRIS	nystatin w/triamcinolone	SELZENTRY
ALOMIDE	citalopram	F	LEVAQUIN	O	SENSIPAR
alprazolam	CLIMARA PRO	famciclovir	levetiracetam	ocella	SEREVENT DISKUS
amantadine hcl#	clarithromycin	famotidine	LEVIMIR [inj]	ofloxacin	SEROQUEL, XR
amiloride hcl w/hctz	clindamycin, - benzoyl peroxide#	fentanyl patch	LEVOTHROID	omeprazole	sertraline
amiodarone hcl#	clobetasol propionate	finasteride	LEVVOXYL	ondansetron#	silver sulfadiazine
amitriptyline hcl	clomiphene citr [PA]	flecainide acetate	LIALDA	ORTHO EVRA	SIMCOR
amlodipine	clonazepam	FLOVENT HFA, DISKUS	LIPITOR	ORTHO TRI-CYCLEN LO	simvastatin
amlodipine/benazepril	clonidine hcl, TTS	fluconazole 150mg [DQ]	lisinopril -hctz	oxaprozin	SINGULAIR [ST]
amox clavulanate	clozapine	fludrocortisone acetate	lithium#	oxybutynin chloride	sod. sulfacetamide/sulfur#
amoxicillin	COLYTE	fluoxetine hcl#	lorazepam	oxcarbazepine	solia
amphet salt combo, -XR	COMBIGAN	flurazepam hcl	losartan, -hctz	oxycodone -acet#	sotalol
anastrozole	COMBIPATCH	flutamide	lovastatin [DQ]	P	SPIRIVA
ANDROGEL	COMBIVENT	fluticasone propionate	LOVAZA	pantoprazole	spironolactone -w/hctz
apri	COMTAN	fluvoxamine maleate	lo-ogestrel	paroxetine hcl	sprintec
ARICEPT 23mg [ST]	CONCERTA*	folic acid	LUMIGAN [DQ]	PEGASYS [inj] [PA]	STALEVO
ARIXTRA	COPAXONE [inj] [DQ]	FORADIL	LUXIQ	penicillin v potassium	STARLIX*
AROMASIN	CREON 5,10,20	FORTEO [inj] [PA]	LYRICA	pentoxifylline	stavudine#
ASACOL, HD	CRESTOR	FOSAMAX (only Plus D, soln) *	M	phenazopyridine	STRATTERA
ASMANEX	cromolyn sodium	fosinopril sodium -hctz	MAXAIR	phenobarbital#	sucralate
ASTELIN*	cyclobenzaprine hcl	FREESTYLE	medroxyprogesterone	PHENYTEK	sulfamethox/trimethoprim
atenolol w/chlorthalidone	cyclosporine	furosemide#	meperidine hcl#	phenytoin -er#	sulfasalazine
ATRIPLA	CYMBALTA	G	mercaptopurine	pilocarpine hcl	sumatriptan# [DQ]
ATROVENT, HFA	cyproheptadine hcl	gabapentin#	metaxalone	PLAVIX [ST] [DQ]	SUSTIVA
AUGMENTIN XR	D	galantamine#	metformin er	plymyxin b/trimethoprim	SYMBICORT
AVANDAMET	desmopressin#	GANIRELIX# [inj] [PA]	methamphetamine hcl#	potassium chloride	SYMBYAX
AVANDARYL	desipramine hcl	gemfibrozil	methotrexate	pramipexole DI-HCL	SYNTHROID
AVANDIA	desoximetasones#	gianti	methylin -er	PRANDIN	T
AVAPRO	DETROL, - LA	glipizide -er	methylphenidate er	pravastatin	tamoxifen citrate
AVELOX -ABC PACK	dexamethasone#	glyburide	methylprednisolone#	prazosin hcl	tamsulosin hcl
AVODART	DEXILANT [ST]	glyburide metformin	metoclopramide hcl#	prednisolone acetate	TAZORAC
AVONEX [inj] [DQ]	dextroamphetamine-	GONAL-F RFF [inj] [PA]	METROGEL	prednisone#	TEGRETOL XR
azathioprine	amphetamine	granisetron	metronidazole#	PREFEST	TEKTURNA, HCT
azithromycin#	diazepam#	guaifenesin w/codeine	mexiletine hcl	PREMARIN	temazepam
AZOR	diclofenac sodium	H	microgestin	PREMPHASE	terazosin hcl
B	dicyclomine hcl#	HALFLYELY	minocycline hcl	PREMPRO	terbinafine
baclofen	diflorasone	haloperidol	mirtazapine	prenatal rx	tetracycline hcl
balsalazide	diflunisal	HUMIRA [inj] [PA] [DQ]	misoprostol	previfem	theophylline -anhyd
benazepril -hctz	diltiazem er#	hydrochlorothiazide#	mononessa	primidone	thioridazine
benzonatate	DIOVAN, -HCT	hydrocodone/ibuprofen	mupirocin 2% oint	probenecid	ticlopidine hcl
benztropine mesylate	diphenoxylate-atropine	hydrocortisone#	mycophenolate	prochlorperazine maleate	timolol maleate
betamethasone	dipyridamole	hyoscyamine sulfate	MYFORTIC	promethazine, -cod	TOBRADEX
BETOPTIC S	divalproex sodium	I	N	PROMETRIUM	tobramycin sulfate
bicalutamide	dorzolamide	ibuprofen	nabumetone	propafenone hcl#	topiramate
bisoprolol fumarate -hctz	DOVONEX	imipramine hcl	NAMENDA	propranolol la	torsemide
brimonidine tartrate	doxazosin mesylate	imiquimod	naxprofen#	propylthiouracil	TOVIAZ
bumetanide	doxepin hcl	indapamide	NASONEX	PROTOPIC [ST]	tramadol hcl
bupropion, -sr, xr	doxycycline hyclate#	indomethacin	nateglinide	PROVENTIL HFA	trazodone hcl
butalbital/acet/caffeine	DUETACT	INTAL inh	natalcare plus	PROVIGIL [PA]	tretinoin# [PA]
BYETTA [inj] [PA]	E	ipratropium bromide	necron	PULMICORT	TREXIMET [DQ] [ST]
BYSTOLIC	econazole nitrate	IQUIX	Q, R	Q, R	triamcinolone acetate#
C	ELESTAT	isoniazid#	quinapril	quinapril	triamterene w/hctz
calcitriol	ELIDEL [DQ]		quinaretic	quinidine gluconate	triazolam
camila			rampiril		TRILIPX

tri-lo-sprintec
trimethobenzamide
trimethoprim
trinessa
tri-previfem
tri-sprintec tablet
trivora-28

TRUVADA
TRUSOPT
U, V, W
unithroid
ursodiol
valacyclovir

valproic acid
velivet 28 day
venlafaxine hcl er#
VENTOLIN HFA
VERAMYST
verapamil hcl#
VESICARE

VIAGRA
VIRAMUNE
VIREAD
VIVELLE –DOT
warfarin
WELCHOL

X, Y, Z
XALATAN
YAZ
zaleplon
ZEMPLAR ZENPEP
ZETIA

zolpidem
ZYMAR*
ZYPREXA ZYLET*

Examples of Non-preferred Medications With Their Preferred Alternatives

EmblemHealth's prescription benefit has three categories of prescription medications: tier 1, tier 2 and tier 3. Brand drugs in the non-preferred (tier 3) category generally have a similar, more cost effective drug available in the generic (tier 1) or preferred brand (tier 2) category.

The following is a list of some non-preferred brand medications (tier 3) with examples of their generic (tier 1) and preferred brand (tier 2) alternatives. If you are taking a tier 3 drug, ask your doctor if you can switch to a tier 1 or tier 2 medication to help lower your out-of-pocket expenses.

Non-preferred	Preferred Alternative	Non-preferred	Preferred Alternative
ACCOLATE [ST]	SINGULAIR [ST]	KETEK	clarithromycin, erythromycin
ACEON	benazepril, enalapril, lisinopril, quinapril	KRISTALOSE	lactulose#
BONIVA [ST]	alendronate#, ACTONEL	LEVITRA [DQ]	CIALIS [DQ], VIAGRA [DQ]
AEROBID	ASMANEX, FLOVENT HFA, DISKUS	LEXCEL [ST]	amlodipine/benazepril
ALAMAST	cromolyn sodium, ALOMIDE	LOPROX	OTCs, ciclopirox#, ketoconazole
ALOCRIL	cromolyn sodium, ALOMIDE	LORABID	amoxicillin tri/clavulanate
ALREX	generic steroids	LUNESTA	zolpidem, zaleplon
ALTOCOR	lovastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, LIPITOR, CRESTOR	MAVIK [ST]	benazepril, enalapril, lisinopril, ramipril
AMARYL	glimepiride	MAXALT MLT [DQ] [ST]	sumatriptan#, TREXIMET [ST] [DQ]
AMERGE [DQ]	sumatriptan#, TREXIMET [DQ]	MIACALCIN NASAL	alendronate#, ACTONEL
ANZEMET [DQ]	ondansetron# [DQ], granisetron [DQ]	MICARDIS/HCT	losartan/hctz, AVALIDE, DIOVAN/HCT
APRIDRA	NOVOLOG	MOBIC [ST]	generic NSAIDs
APRISO	balsalazide, Asacol/HD	MUSE [DQ]	CAVERJECT [inj]
ASTEPRO	NASONEX, fluticasone	NASACORT AQ	NASONEX, fluticasone, VERAMYST
ASCENSIA [PA]	FREESTYLE	NEURONTIN	gabapentin#
ATACAND/HCT	losartan/hctz, AVALIDE, DIOVAN/HCT	NEXIUM [ST] [DQ]	omeprazole, ACIPHEX [ST] [DQ], DEXILANT [ST] [DQ]
AVINZA	generics	OPTIVAR	ketotifen fum, ELESTAT
AVITA [PA]	generic tretinoin# [PA], adapalene	ORAPRED	prednisolone soln
AXERT [DQ]	sumatriptan#, TREXIMET	OVIREL [inj] [PA]	chorionic gonadotropin [inj] [PA]
AZELEX	generic tretinoin#, adapalene	OXYIR	oxycodone hcl caps immediate release
AZMACORT	ASMANEX, FLOVENT HFA, DISKUS	PATANOL, PATADAY	ketotifen fum, ELESTAT
AZOPT	brimonidine, dorzolamide	PCE	erythromycin
BECONASE AQ	fluticasone, NASONEX, VERAMYST	PEDIAPRED	prednisolone soln
BENICAR / HCT	losartan/hct, DIOVAN HCT, AVALIDE	PENTASA	balsalazide, DIPENTUM, ASACOL, LIALDA
BENZAMYCIN	erythromycin/benzoyl peroxide	PHENYTEK	phenytoin sodium extended release#
BETIMOL	betaxolol, timolol, other generics	PLENDIL	felopidine
BIAXIN –XL	clarithromycin	PRECISION (not XTRA) [PA]	FREESTYLE
BONIVA	alendronate#, ACTONEL	PROTONIX [ST] [DQ]	pantoprazole [DQ]
CARDENE SR	nifedipine extended release#, amlodipine	PROZAC WEEKLY	fluoxetine, citalopram, paroxetine
CARDIZEM LA	diltiazem extended release#	QUIXIN	ciprofloxacin, ofloxacin, ZYMAXID, ZYMAR
CECLOR CD	cefaclor extended release#	RAPAFLO	doxazosin, tamsulosin hcl, finasteride, AVODART
CEDAX	cefprozime, cefdinir	RELENZA [DQ]	rimantadine, TAMIFLU [DQ]
CEFZIL	cefprozil	RELPAK [DQ]	sumatriptan#, TREXIMET [DQ]
CENESTIN	estradiol, PREMARIN	RESCULA	XALATAN
CIPRO XR	ciprofloxacin#, AVELOX, LEVAQUIN	RETIN-A liquid MICRO [PA]	generic, tretinoin# [PA]
COSOPT	dorzolamide/timolol	RHINOCORT	fluticasone, NASONEX, VERAMYST
COVERA-HS	verapamil extended release	RITALIN LA	amphetamine salt combo, methylphenidate#, Concerta*
DIDRONEL	alendronate#, ACTONEL	RYNATAN	fexofenadine, -pse#
DITROPAN, XL	oxybutynin, DETROL, LA	SIMPONI	ENBREL, HUMIRA [PA]
DYNABAC	erythromycin	SKELID	alendronate#, ACTONEL
DYNACIRC CR	nifedipine extended release#, amlodipine	SPECTRACEF	amox icillin tr/pot clavulanate
EPOGEN [PA]	ARANESP [PA], PROCRIT [PA]	SPOANOX	itraconazole
FLOXIN	ciprofloxacin#, AVELOX, LEVAQUIN	SULAR	nifedipine extended release#, amlodipine
FOCALIN	methylphenidate#, CONCERTA	SYNTHROID	levothyroxine
FROVA [DQ]	sumatriptan#, TREXIMET [DQ]	SUPRAX	cefprozime, cefdinir
GEODON	risperidone#, ABILIFY, SEROQUEL, ZYPREXA (nonZydis)	TARKA [ST]	verapamil + ACE, amlodipine besylate-benazepril
GLUCOMETER [PA]	FREESTYLE	TESTIM	ANDROGEL
GLYSET	acarbose	TEVETEN/HCT	losartan/hctz, DIOVAN/HCT, AVALIDE
HYZAAR	losartan/hctz, DIOVAN HCT	TRAVATAN	LUMIGAN, XALATAN
IMITREX [DQ]	sumatriptan# [DQ]	UNIRETIC [ST]	benazepril/HCTZ, enalapril/hctz, lisinopril/hctz
IOPIDINE	bromonidine, dorzolamide	VANTIN	generics, amox tr/potassium clavulanate, AUGMENTIN XR
KADIAN	morphine sulfate#	VIGAMOX	Ciprofloxacin#, ofloxacin, ZYMAR, ZYMAXID
		ZYFLO	SINGULAR [ST]

Key:

CAPITAL letters	Brand drug
Lower case letters	Generic drug
*	Brand drug will convert to non-preferred status when the generic becomes available
#	Single Source Generics (SSG) – Those drugs going off patent and a single manufacturer has exclusive rights to produce the drug for a period of time.
	Note: Plans may contain single source generics in Tier 2. As well, not all formulations of a drug are considered SSG.
[inj]	Drug is available in injectable form only
[DQ]	Drug Quantity – A limitation exists on the amount that can be dispensed
[PA]	Prior Authorization – Prescriber needs to obtain approval from EmblemHealth for coverage of this drug (as outlined in the member's plan)
[ST]	Step Therapy – Drug is part of a program where drug options are organized in a series of steps (as outlined in the member's plan)

For the member: Generic medications contain the same active ingredients as the corresponding brand name medications, although they may differ in color or shape. They have been FDA-approved under strict standards.

For the physician: Please prescribe preferred products and allow generic substitutions when medically appropriate.