

Washington Preferred Drug List

What is the Washington Preferred Drug List?

HRSA, in coordination with the Health Care Authority (HCA) and Labor & Industries (L & I), have developed a list of preferred drugs within a selected therapeutic class that are selected based on clinical evidence of safety, efficacy, and effectiveness.

HRSA requires pharmacies to obtain prior authorization for nonpreferred drugs when a therapeutic equivalent is on the preferred drug list(s) (PDL).

Note: HRSA changed the format for multiple drug listings. A slash (/) is used to denote multiple forms of a drug. For example: “Cardizem[®]/CD/LA/SR” represents immediate release Cardizem, as well as the CD, LA, and SR forms. A hyphen (-) is used to indicate combination products. For example: “Benazepril-HCTZ” represents the combination product of Benazepril and Hydrochlorothiazide, rather than Benazepril AND the combination product.

Drug Class	Preferred Drugs	Nonpreferred Drugs
ACE Inhibitors	<p>Generic: captopril enalapril lisinopril benazepril</p> <p>Brand: Altace[®] (<i>ramipril</i>)*</p> <p>*EPA required</p>	<p>Generic: fosinopril moexipril quinapril</p> <p>Brand: Accupril[®] (<i>quinapril</i>) Aceon[®] (<i>perindopril</i>) Capoten[®] (<i>captopril</i>) Mavik[®] (<i>trandolapril</i>) Monopril[®] (<i>fosinopril</i>) Prinivil[®] (<i>lisinopril</i>) Univasc[®] (<i>moexipril</i>) Vasotec[®] (<i>enalapril</i>) Zestril[®] (<i>lisinopril</i>)</p>

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Antiemetics	<p>Generic: ondansetron injection/IV*</p> <p>Brand: Zofran[®] /ODT[®] (<i>ondansetron</i>)* tablet/solution</p> <p>*EPA required</p>	<p>Generic: ondansetron tablet/solution*</p> <p>Brand: Aloxi[®] (<i>palonosetron</i>) injection* Anzemet[®] (<i>dolasetron</i>) tablet/injection* Kytril[®] (<i>granisetron</i>) tablet/solution/injection* Zofran[®] (<i>ondansetron</i>) injection/IV*</p> <p>*EPA required</p>
Antiplatelets (*Not subject to TIP. See pg. M.1.)	<p>Brand: Aggrenox[®] (<i>aspirin/dipyridamole</i>)* Plavix[®] (<i>clopidogrel bisulfate</i>)*</p> <p>*EPA required</p>	<p>Generic: ticlopidine</p> <p>Brand: Ticlid[®] (<i>ticlopidine</i>)</p>

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<p>Attention Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder</p> <p>(*Not subject to TIP. See pg. M.1.)</p>	<p>Generic: amphetamine salt combo dextroamphetamine dextroamphetamine SA methylphenidate methylphenidate SA Methylin[®] (<i>methylphenidate HCl</i>) tablet Methylin ER[®] (<i>methylphenidate HCl</i>)</p> <p>Brand: Adderall XR[®] (<i>amphetamine salt combo</i>) Concerta[®] (<i>methylphenidate HCl</i>) Strattera[®] (<i>atomoxetine Hal</i>)</p>	<p>Generic: pemoline</p> <p>Brand: Adderall[®] (<i>amphetamine salt combo</i>) Daytrana[™] (<i>methylphenidate HCl</i>) transdermal patch** Dexedrine[®] (<i>d-amphetamine</i>) Dexedrine SA[®] (<i>d-amphetamine</i>) Dextrostat[®] (<i>d-amphetamine</i>) Focalin[®] (<i>dexmethylphenidate</i>) Focalin XR[®] (<i>dexmethylphenidate</i>) Metadate CD[™] (<i>methylphenidate HCl</i>) Metadate ER[™] (<i>methylphenidate HCl</i>) Methylin[®] (<i>methylphenidate HCl</i>) chewable/solution Ritalin[®] (<i>methylphenidate HCl</i>) Ritalin LA[®] (<i>methylphenidate HCl</i>) Ritalin SR[®] (<i>methylphenidate HCl</i>)</p> <p>**Not included in OHSU report and not subject to DAW-1 override.</p>

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<p>Atypical Antipsychotic Drugs (*Not subject to therapeutic interchange program (TIP). See pg. M.1.)</p>	<p>Generic: clozapine tablet</p> <p>Brand: Abilify Discmelt[®] (<i>aripiprazole</i>) dissolving tablet Abilify[®] (<i>aripiprazole</i>) solution Abilify[®] (<i>aripiprazole</i>) tablet Fazaclor[®] (<i>clozapine</i>) tablet Geodon[®] (<i>ziprasidone HCl</i>) capsule Geodon[®] (<i>ziprasidone mesylate</i>) IM injection* Risperdal[®] (<i>risperidone</i>) tablet Risperdal Consta[®] (<i>risperidone</i>) injection* Risperdal M-tab[®] (<i>risperidone</i>) tablet Seroquel[®] (<i>quetiapine</i>) tablet Zyprexa[®] (<i>olanzapine</i>) tablet Zyprexa[®] (<i>olanzapine</i>) IM injection* Zyprexa Zydis[®] (<i>olanzapine</i>) tablet</p> <p>*EPA required</p>	<p>Generic:</p> <p>Brand: Abilify[®] (<i>aripiprazole</i>) IM injection** Clozaril[®] (<i>clozapine</i>) tablet Invega[™] (<i>paliperidone</i>) tablet**</p> <p>** Not included in OHSU report and not subject to DAW-1 override.</p>

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Beta Blockers	<p>Generic: atenolol metoprolol nadolol pindolol propranolol /ER timolol</p> <p>Brand: Coreg[®] (<i>carvedilol</i>)* Toprol XL (<i>metoprolol succinate</i>)*</p> <p>*EPA required</p>	<p>Generic: acebutolol betaxolol bisoprolol labetalol</p> <p>Brand: Blocadren[®] (<i>timolol</i>) Cartrol[®] (<i>carteolol</i>) Coreg CR[®] (<i>carvedilol CR</i>)** Corgard[®] (<i>nadolol</i>) Inderal[®] /LA (<i>propranolol</i>) Innopran XL[®] (<i>propranolol</i>) Kerlone[®] (<i>betaxolol</i>) Levatol[®] (<i>penbutolol</i>) Lopressor[®] (<i>metoprolol</i>) Normodyne[®] (<i>labetalol</i>) Sectral[®] (<i>acebutolol</i>) Tenormin[®] (<i>atenolol</i>) Trandate[®] (<i>labetalol</i>) Visken[®] (<i>pindolol</i>) Zebeta[®] (<i>bisoprolol</i>)</p> <p>** Not included in OHSU report and not subject to DAW-1 override.)</p>

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Calcium Channel Blockers	<p>Generic: amlodipine diltiazem /XR nifedipine ER verapamil /XR</p> <p>Brand:</p>	<p>Generic: felodipine nicardipine nifedipine</p> <p>Brand: Adalat[®] /CC (<i>nifedipine</i>) Calan[®] /SR (<i>verapamil</i>) Cardene[®] /SR (<i>nicardipine</i>) Cardizem[®] /CD/LA/SR (<i>diltiazem</i>) Cartia XT[®] (<i>diltiazem</i>) Dilacor[®] XR (<i>diltiazem</i>) Diltia XT[®] (<i>diltiazem</i>) DynaCirc[®] /CR (<i>isradipine</i>) Isoptin[®] /SR (<i>verapamil</i>) Norvasc[®] (amlodipine) Plendil[®] (<i>felodipine</i>) Procardia[®] /XL (<i>nifedipine</i>) Sular[®] (<i>nisoldipine</i>) Tazia XT[®] (<i>diltiazem</i>) Tiazac[®] (<i>diltiazem</i>) Vascor[®] (<i>bepidil</i>) Verelan[®] /PM (<i>verapamil</i>)</p>
Drugs to treat Alzheimer's Disease	<p>Brand: Aricept[®] /ODT(<i>donepezil</i>) Exelon[®] (<i>rivastigmine</i>) Razadyne[®] /ER(<i>galantamine</i>) Namenda[™] (<i>memantine</i>)</p>	<p>Brand: Cognex[®] (<i>tacrine</i>)</p>

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<p>Estrogens</p>	<p>Generic: estradiol tablets</p> <p>Brand: Menest[®] (<i>esterified estrogens</i>) Premarin[®] cream (<i>conjugated equine estrogen vaginal cream</i>)</p>	<p>Generic: estradiol transdermal patch estropipate</p> <p>Brand: Alora[®] (<i>estradiol</i>) transdermal Cenestin[®] (<i>synthetic conjugated estrogens</i>) Climara[®] (<i>estradiol</i>) transdermal Esclim[®] (<i>estradiol</i>) transdermal Estrace[®] (<i>estradiol</i>) oral/vaginal Estraderm[®] (<i>estradiol</i>) transdermal Estring[®] (<i>estradiol</i>) vaginal ring Femring[®] (<i>estradiol</i>) vaginal ring Ogen[®] (<i>estropipate</i>) Premarin[®] (<i>conjugated equine estrogens</i>) oral Vagifem[®] (<i>estradiol</i>) vaginal tablets Vivelle[®]/DOT (<i>estradiol</i>) transdermal</p>
<p>Histamine-2 Receptor Antagonist (H2RA) (*Not subject to TIP. See pg. M.1.)</p>	<p>Generic: ranitidine</p>	<p>Generic: cimetidine famotidine nizatidine</p> <p>Brand: Axid[®] (<i>nizatidine</i>) Pepcid[®] (<i>famotidine</i>) Tagamet[®] (<i>cimetidine</i>) Zantac[®] (<i>ranitidine</i>)</p>

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<p>Inhaled Beta-Agonists</p>	<p>Generic short-acting nebulized: albuterol inhalation solution metaproterenol inhalation solution</p> <p>Brand short-acting nebulized: Xopenex[®] (<i>levalbuterol</i>) inhalation solution</p> <p>Generic short-acting inhaled: albuterol inhaler</p> <p>Brand short-acting inhaled: Alupent[®] (<i>metaproterenol</i>) inhaler Ventolin[®] HFA (<i>albuterol</i>) inhaler Xopenex[®] HFA (<i>levalbuterol</i>) inhaler</p> <p>Brand long-acting : Foradil[®] Aerolizer[®] (<i>formoterol</i>) Serevent[®] Diskus[®] (<i>salmeterol</i>)</p>	<p>Brand short-acting nebulized: Accuneb[®] (<i>albuterol</i>) inhalation solution Proventil[®] (<i>albuterol</i>) inhalation solution</p> <p>Brand short-acting inhaled: Maxair Autohaler[™] (<i>pirbuterol</i>) inhaler ProAir[™] HFA (<i>albuterol</i>) inhaler Proventil[®] (<i>albuterol</i>) inhaler Proventil[®] HFA (<i>albuterol</i>) inhaler</p> <p>Brand long-acting (nebulized): Brovana[™] (<i>arformoterol</i>)**</p> <p>** Not included in OHSU report and not subject to TIP or DAW-1 override.</p>
<p>Inhaled Corticosteroids</p>	<p>Generic:</p> <p>Brand: Aerobid/Aerobid-M[®] (<i>flunisolide</i> <i>MDI</i>) Asmanex Twisthaler[®] (<i>mometasone fumarate DPI</i>) Azmacort[®] (<i>triamcinolone</i> <i>acetonide MDI</i>) Flovent[®] (<i>fluticasone propionate</i> <i>MDI</i>) Flovent[®] HFA (<i>fluticasone</i> <i>propionate HFA</i>) Flovent Rotadisk[®] (<i>fluticasone</i> <i>propionate DPI</i>) Qvar[®] (<i>beclomethasone</i> <i>dipropionate MDI</i>) Pulmicort Respules[®] (<i>budesonide</i> <i>inhalation suspension</i>) Pulmicort Turbuhaler[®] (<i>budesonide DPI</i>)</p>	<p>Generic:</p> <p>Brand: Vanceril[®] (<i>beclomethasone</i> <i>dipropionate MDI</i>)</p>

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<p>Insulin-release stimulant type oral hypoglycemics</p>	<p>Generic immediate release: glipizide glyburide glyburide micronized</p>	<p>Generic: chlorpropamide tolazamide tolbutamide glipizide XR</p> <p>Brand: Amaryl[®] (<i>glimepiride</i>) Diabinese[®] (<i>chlorpropamide</i>) DiaBeta[®] (<i>glyburide</i>) Glucotrol[®] /XR (<i>glipizide</i>) Glynase[®] (<i>glyburide micronized</i>) Micronase[®] (<i>glyburide</i>) Orinase[®] (<i>tolbutamide</i>) Prandin[®] (<i>repaglinide</i>) Starlix[®] (<i>nateglinide</i>) Tolinase[®] (<i>tolazamide</i>)</p>
<p>Long-Acting Opioids (oral tabs/caps/liquids) (*Not subject to TIP. See pg. M.1.)</p>	<p>Generic: methadone morphine sulfate /SA/SR</p>	<p>Generic: levorphanol oxycodone ER Oramorph SR fentanyl transdermal</p> <p>Brand: Avinza[®] (<i>morphine sulfate ER</i>) Dolophine[®] (<i>methadone</i>) Duragesic[®] (<i>fentanyl</i>) transdermal Kadian[®] (<i>morphine sulfate SR</i>) Kadian[®] 200mg (<i>morphine sulfate SR</i>)** Levo-Dromoran[®] (<i>levorphanol</i>) MS Contin[®] (<i>morphine sulfate SA</i>) Opana ER[®] (<i>oxymorphone HCl</i>) OxyContin[®] (<i>oxycodone ER</i>)</p> <p>**Not subject to DAW-1 or EPA overrides due to safety concerns (to prevent potential error/overdose).</p>

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Macrolides	<p>Generic: azithromycin – all forms clarithromycin immediate release tablet/suspension erythromycin EC erythromycin ethylsuccinate erythromycin filmtab erythromycin stearate</p> <p>Brand: Ery-Tab 333mg[®] (<i>erythromycin base</i>)</p>	<p>Generic:</p> <p>Brand: Biaxin[®] (<i>clarithromycin</i>) tablet/suspension Biaxin XL[®] (<i>clarithromycin</i>) EES[®] (<i>erythromycin ethylsuccinate</i>) granules/suspension/filmtab Eryc[®] (<i>erythromycin base EC</i>) E-Mycin[®] (<i>erythromycin base</i>) Eryped[®] (<i>erythromycin ethylsuccinate</i>) drops/granules/chewable tablets Ery-Tab[®] (<i>erythromycin base EC</i>) Erythrocin[®] (<i>erythromycin stearate</i>) filmtab PCE Dispertab[®] (<i>erythromycin base</i>) Zithromax[®] (<i>azithromycin</i>) capsule/powder packet/suspension/tablet Zmax[®] (<i>azithromycin SR</i>)</p>
Nasal Corticosteroids	<p>Generic:</p> <p>Brand: Nasacort AQ[®] (<i>triamcinolone acetonide</i>) Nasonex[®] (<i>mometasone furoate</i>)*</p> <p>*EPA required</p>	<p>Generic: flunisolide fluticasone</p> <p>Brand: Beconase[®] (<i>beclomethasone dipropionate</i>) Beconase AQ[®] (<i>beclomethasone dipropionate</i>) Flonase[®] (<i>fluticasone propionate</i>) Nasacort[®] (<i>triamcinolone acetonide</i>) Nasarel[®] (<i>flunisolide</i>) Rhinocort[®] (<i>budesonide</i>) Rhinocort Aqua[®] (<i>budesonide</i>)</p>

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<p>Newer Antihistamines (formerly Non-Sedating Antihistamines)</p>	<p>Generic: loratadine OTC</p> <p>Brand: Clarinetex[®] (<i>desloratadine</i>) syrup*</p> <p>*EPA required</p>	<p>Generic: fexofenadine</p> <p>Brand: Allegra[®] (<i>fexofenadine</i>) Clarinetex[®] (<i>desloratadine</i>) Claritin[®] (<i>loratadine</i>) Zyrtec[®] (<i>cetirizine</i>)</p>
<p>Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID) Cyclo-oxygenase - 2 (Cox-II) Inhibitors</p>	<p>Generic: diclofenac potassium* diclofenac sodium /SR/ER/EC* diflunisal* etodolac /XL* fenoprofen* flurbiprofen* ibuprofen* indomethacin /SA* ketoprofen /SA* ketorolac* meclofenamate* meloxicam* nabumetone* naproxen /EC* naproxen sodium /ER* oxaprozin* piroxicam* salsalate* sulindac* tolmetin*</p> <p>*EPA required</p>	<p>Generic:</p> <p>Brand: Amigesic[®] (<i>salsalate</i>)* Anaprox[®] /DS (<i>naproxen sodium</i>)* Ansaid[®] (<i>flurbiprofen</i>)* Cataflam[®] (<i>diclofenac potassium</i>)* Celebrex[®] (<i>celecoxib</i>)* Clinoril[®] (<i>sulindac</i>)* Dolobid[®] (<i>diflunisal</i>) Daypro[®] (<i>oxaprozin</i>)* Feldene[®] (<i>piroxicam</i>)* Indocin[®] /SR (<i>indomethacin</i>)* Lodine[®] /XL (<i>etodolac</i>)* Mobic[®] (<i>meloxicam</i>)* Motrin[®] (<i>ibuprofen</i>)* Nalfon[®] (<i>fenoprofen</i>)* Naprelan[®] (<i>naproxen sodium ER</i>)* Naprosyn[®] EC/DS (<i>naproxen</i>)* Orudis[®] (<i>ketoprofen</i>)* Oruvail[®] (<i>ketoprofen</i>)* Ponstel[®] (<i>mefenamic acid</i>) Relafen[®] (<i>nabumetone</i>)* Salflex[®] (<i>salsalate</i>)* Toradol[®] (<i>ketorolac</i>)* Voltaren[®] /XR (<i>diclofenac sodium</i>)*</p> <p>*EPA required</p>

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Overactive Bladder/Urinary Incontinence	<p>Generic short acting: oxybutynin tablets/syrup</p> <p>Brand long acting: Vesicare[®] (<i>solifenacin succinate</i>)</p>	<p>Generic short acting: flavoxate</p> <p>Brand short acting: Detrol[®] (<i>tolterodine tartrate</i>) Ditropan[®] (<i>oxybutynin chloride</i>) Sanctura[®] (<i>tropium chloride</i>) Urispas[®] (<i>flavoxate hcl</i>)</p> <p>Brand long acting: Detrol LA[®] (<i>tolterodine tartrate</i>) Ditropan XL[®] (<i>oxybutynin chloride</i>) Enablex[®] (<i>darifenacin hydrobromide</i>) Oxytrol[®] (<i>oxybutynin chloride</i>)</p>
Proton Pump Inhibitors	<p>Generic: Prilosec OTC[®] (<i>omeprazole</i>) tablets Prevacid[®] (<i>lansoprazole</i>) capsules Prevacid[®] SoluTab (<i>lansoprazole</i>)* Prevacid[®] Suspension (<i>lansoprazole</i>)*</p> <p>*EPA required</p>	<p>Generic: omeprazole Rx</p> <p>Brand: Aciphex[®] (<i>rabeprazole</i>) Nexium[®] (<i>esomeprazole</i>) Prilosec[®] Rx (<i>omeprazole</i>) Protonix[®] (<i>pantoprazole</i>) Zegerid[®] (<i>omeprazole</i>)</p>
Second Generation Antidepressants (*Not subject to TIP. See pg. M.1.)	<p>Generic: bupropion /SR* citalopram fluoxetine HCl mirtazapine/soltab paroxetine HCl venlafaxine HCl</p> <p>Brand: Effexor[®] /XR (<i>venlafaxine HCl</i>)</p> <p>*EPA required</p>	<p>Generic: fluvoxamine nefazodone sertraline</p> <p>Brand: Celexa[®] (<i>citalopram</i>) Cymbalta[®] (<i>duloxetine HCl</i>) Lexapro[®] (<i>escitalopram</i>) Luvox[®] (<i>fluvoxamine</i>) Paxil[®] /CR (<i>paroxetine HCl</i>) Pexeva[®] (<i>paroxetine mesylate</i>) Prozac[®] /Prozac Weekly[®] (<i>fluoxetine HCl</i>) Remeron[®] /soltab (<i>mirtazapine</i>) Serzone[®] (<i>nefazodone</i>) Wellbutrin[®] /SR/XL (<i>bupropion/SR</i>) Zoloft[®] (<i>sertraline</i>)</p>

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Skeletal Muscle Relaxants	<p>Generic: baclofen cyclobenzaprine methocarbamol</p>	<p>Generic: carisoprodol chlorzoxazone orphenadrine tizanidine</p> <p>Brand: Dantrium[®] (<i>dantrolene</i>) Flexeril[®] (<i>cyclobenzaprine</i>) Lioresal[®] (<i>baclofen</i>) Norflex[®] (<i>orphenadrine</i>) Parafon Forte[®] (<i>chlorzoxazone</i>) Robaxin[®] (<i>methocarbamol</i>) Skelaxin[®] (<i>metaxalone</i>) Soma[®] (<i>carisoprodol</i>) Zanaflex[®] (<i>tizanidine</i>)</p>
Statin-type cholesterol-lowering agents	<p>Generic: lovastatin pravastatin*</p> <p>Brand: Crestor[®] (<i>rosuvastatin</i>)</p> <p>*EPA required</p>	<p>Generic: simvastatin</p> <p>Brand: Lescol[®] /XL (<i>fluvastatin</i>) Lipitor[®] (<i>atorvastatin</i>) Mevacor[®] (<i>lovastatin</i>) Pravachol[®] (<i>pravastatin</i>)* Zocor[®] (<i>simvastatin</i>)</p>
Targeted Immune Modulators	<p>Generic:</p> <p>Brand: Enbrel[®] (<i>etanercept</i>)* Remicade[®] (<i>infliximab</i>)*</p> <p>*EPA required</p>	<p>Generic:</p> <p>Brand: Humira[®] (<i>adalimumab</i>)* Kineret[®] (<i>anakinra</i>)* Raptiva[®] (<i>efalizumab</i>)*</p> <p>*EPA required</p>
Thiazolidinediones (TZDs)	<p>Generic:</p> <p>Brand: Avandia[®] tablet (<i>rosiglitazone maleate</i>)</p>	<p>Generic:</p> <p>Brand: Actos[®] tablet (<i>pioglitazone HCl</i>)</p>

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Triptans	<p>Generic:</p> <p>Brand: Imitrex[®] injection (<i>sumatriptan</i>) Imitrex[®] nasal spray (<i>sumatriptan</i>) Imitrex[®] tablets (<i>sumatriptan</i>) Relpax[®] (<i>eletriptan</i>) Zomig[®] nasal spray (<i>zolmitriptan</i>) Zomig[®] /ZMT (<i>zolmitriptan</i>)</p>	<p>Generic:</p> <p>Brand: Amerge[®] (<i>naratriptan</i>) Axert[®] (<i>almotriptan</i>) Frova[®] (<i>frovatriptan</i>) Maxalt[®] (<i>rizatriptan</i>) Maxalt MLT[®] (<i>rizatriptan</i>)</p>