



MassHealth Brand Name Preferred Over Generic Drug List

This is the list of brand name drugs that MassHealth prefers over their generic equivalents because the net cost of the brand name drugs adjusted for rebates is lower than the net cost of the generic equivalents.

Please note that MassHealth may still require prior authorization (PA) for clinical reasons. Drugs that require additional PA requirements are noted with “PA” on this list.

In general, MassHealth requires a trial of the preferred drug or clinical rationale for prescribing the non-preferred drug generic equivalent.

This list may be updated often and is subject to change at any time.

- Abraxane (paclitaxel injectable suspension)
- Absorica (isotretinoin) – **PA**
- Adderall XR (amphetamine salts extended-release) – **PA < 3 years and PA > 2 units/day**
- Advair (fluticasone/salmeterol inhalation powder)
- Afinitor (everolimus 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 7.5 mg, 10 mg) – **PA**
- Afinitor Disperz (everolimus tablets for oral suspension) – **PA**
- Alphagan P (brimonidine 0.1%, 0.15% eye drops)
- Amicar (aminocaproic acid)
- Amitiza (lubiprostone) – **PA**
- Ancobon (flucytosine)
- Androgel (testosterone 1.62% gel pump) – **PA**
- Apriso (mesalamine extended-release)
- Asacol HD (mesalamine high dose delayed-release)
- Atelvia (risedronate delayed-release) – **PA**
- Azasite (azithromycin ophthalmic solution) – **PA**
- Azopt (brinzolamide)
- Banzel (rufinamide) – **PA**
- Bepreve (bepotastine)
- Bethkis (tobramycin inhalation solution) – **PA**
- Biltricide (praziquantel)
- Breo (fluticasone/vilanterol) – **PA**
- Brovana (arformoterol) – **PA**
- Buphenyl (sodium phenylbutyrate)
- Butrans (buprenorphine transdermal) – **PA > 20 mcg/hr and PA > 4 patches/28 days**
- Byetta (exenatide)
- Bystolic (nebivolol)
- Cambia (diclofenac powder for solution) – **PA**
- Canasa (mesalamine suppository)
- Carac (fluorouracil 0.5% cream) – **PA**
- Carafate (sucralfate suspension)
- Carbaglu (carglumic acid) – **PA**
- Ciprodex (ciprofloxacin/dexamethasone)
- Combigan (brimonidine/timolol, ophthalmic)
- Concerta (methylphenidate extended-release) – **PA < 3 years and PA > 2 units/day**
- Copaxone (glatiramer)
- Coreg CR (carvedilol extended-release) – **PA**
- Cosopt PF (dorzolamide/timolol, preservative free) – **PA**
- Cuprimine (penicillamine capsule)
- Cystadane (betaine)
- Daraprim (pyrimethamine) – **PA**
- Daytrana (methylphenidate transdermal) – **PA < 3 years and PA > 1 unit/day**
- Delzicol DR (mesalamine capsule)
- Demser (metyrosine)
- Depakote (divalproex sprinkle capsule) – **PA < 6 years**
- Dexilant (dexlansoprazole)

- Diclegis (doxylamine/pyridoxine delayed-release) – **PA**
- Differin (adapalene cream, 0.3% gel pump, lotion) – **PA**
- Duetact (glimepiride/pioglitazone) – **PA**
- Dulera (mometasone/formoterol)
- Durezol (difluprednate)
- Dymista (azelastine/fluticasone propionate)
- Efudex (fluorouracil 5% cream)
- Elidel (pimecrolimus)
- Emend (aprepitant trifold pack) – **PA > 2 packs/28 days**
- Emtriva (emtricitabine)
- Epiduo Forte (adapalene 0.3%/benzoyl peroxide 2.5%) – **PA**
- Eurax (crotamiton lotion) – **PA**
- Evamist (estradiol)
- Exelderm (sulconazole) – **PA**
- Exelon (rivastigmine patch) – **PA > 1 unit/day**
- Exjade (deferasirox 125 mg, 250 mg, 500 mg)
- Finacea (azelaic acid gel) – **PA**
- Firvanq (vancomycin oral solution)
- Flovent (fluticasone propionate inhalation aerosol)
- Focalin XR (dexmethylphenidate extended-release) – **PA < 3 years and PA > 2 units/day**
- Forfivo XL (bupropion hydrochloride extended-release 450 mg tablet) – **PA**
- Forteo (teriparatide) – **PA**
- Fortesta (testosterone 2% gel pump) – **PA**
- Frova (frovatriptan) – **PA**
- Gelnique (oxybutynin gel)
- Glumetza (metformin extended-release, gastric tablet) – **PA**
- Hepsera (adefovir) – **PA > 1 unit/day**
- Imitrex (sumatriptan 5 mg, 20 mg nasal spray) – **PA**
- Inspra (eplerenone)
- Intelence (etravirine)
- Invega (paliperidone tablet) – **PA**
- Isordil (isosorbide dinitrate 40 mg tablet) – **PA**
- Istalol (timolol)
- Jevtana (cabazitaxel) – **PA**
- Jublia (efinaconazole) – **PA**
- Kazano (alogliptin/metformin) – **PA**
- Kitabis Pak (tobramycin inhalation solution)
- Kombiglyze XR (saxagliptin/metformin extended-release)
- Lantus (insulin glargine)
- Lexiva (fosamprenavir)
- Lialda (mesalamine delayed-release)
- Lidoderm (lidocaine 5% patch) – **PA > 3 patches/day**
- Lotemax (loteprednol 0.5%)
- Lotronex (alosetron) – **PA**
- Luzu (luliconazole) – **PA**
- Lyrica CR (pregabalin extended-release) – **PA**
- Mephyton (phytonadione)
- Mestinon (pyridostigmine bromide solution)
- Miacalcin (calcitonin salmon injection) – **PA**
- Mitigare (colchicine capsule) – **PA**
- Monurol (fosfomycin)
- Moviprep (polyethylene glycol-electrolyte solution)
- Myrbetriq (mirabegron extended-release)
- Nesina (alogliptin) – **PA**
- Neupro (rotigotine transdermal system) – **PA > 1 unit/day**
- Nexavar (sorafenib) – **PA**
- Nexium (esomeprazole magnesium 10 mg, 20 mg, 40 mg suspension)
- Nitrolingual (nitroglycerin lingual spray) – **PA**
- Norvir (ritonavir tablet)
- Noxafil (posaconazole injection, suspension) – **PA**
- Noxafil (posaconazole tablet)
- Onglyza (saxagliptin)
- Oseni (alogliptin/pioglitazone) – **PA**
- Oxistat (oxiconazole cream) – **PA**
- Oxycontin (oxycodone extended-release tablet) – **PA**
- Pennsaid (diclofenac topical solution)
- Pentasa (mesalamine controlled-release)
- Perforomist (formoterol inhalation solution) – **PA**
- Pradaxa (dabigatran etexilate mesylate)
- Prevacid Solutab (lansoprazole orally disintegrating tablet) – **PA ≥ 2 years**
- Prezista (darunavir)

- Pristiq (desvenlafaxine succinate extended-release) – **PA < 6 years and PA > 1 unit/day**
- Proair HFA (albuterol inhaler)
- Proglycem (diazoxide)
- Prolensa (bromfenac 0.07%)
- Protonix (pantoprazole 40 mg suspension) – **PA**
- Rapamune (sirolimus solution)
- Remodulin (treprostinil injection) – **PA**
- Restasis (cyclosporine 0.05% ophthalmic emulsion)
- Retin-A (tretinoin) – **PA ≥ 22 years**
- Revatio (sildenafil oral suspension) – **PA**
- Revlimid (lenalidomide) – **PA**
- Rozerem (ramelteon) – **PA > 1 unit/day**
- Sabril (vigabatrin) – **PA**
- Samsca (tolvaptan) – **PA**
- Sandostatin LAR (octreotide injectable suspension)
- Selzentry (maraviroc tablet) – **PA**
- Solodyn (minocycline extended-release 55 mg, 65 mg, 115 mg tablet)
- Spiriva Handihaler (tiotropium inhalation powder)
- Sporanox (itraconazole solution)
- Soolantra (ivermectin cream) – **PA**
- Sorilux (calcipotriene foam) – **PA**
- Strattera (atomoxetine) – **PA < 6 years**
- Suboxone (buprenorphine/naloxone film ≤ 24 mg/day)
- Suboxone (buprenorphine/naloxone film) – **PA > 90 days (> 24 mg/day and ≤ 32 mg/day)**
- Suboxone (buprenorphine/naloxone film) – **PA > 32 mg/day**
- Suprep (sodium sulfate/potassium sulfate/magnesium sulfate) – **PA**
- Sutent (sunitinib) – **PA**
- Symbicort (budesonide/formoterol)
- Syprine (trientine)
- Taclonex (betamethasone/calcipotriene scalp suspension) – **PA**
- Targretin (bexarotene)
- Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate) – **PA**
- Teflaro (ceftaroline)
- Tegretol XR (carbamazepine extended-release) – **PA < 6 years**
- Tekturna (aliskiren) – **PA**
- Testim (testosterone 1% gel tube) – **PA**
- Thalomid (thalidomide)
- Thiola (tiopronin)
- Timoptic Ocudose (timolol ophthalmic unit dose solution) – **PA**
- Tirosint (levothyroxine)
- Toviaz (fesoterodine)
- Tracleer (bosentan) – **PA**
- Transderm-Scop (scopolamine transdermal patch)
- Travatan Z (travoprost 0.004% eye drop)
- Trileptal (oxcarbazepine suspension) – **PA < 6 years**
- Trokendi XR (topiramate extended-release capsule) – **PA**
- Tykerb (lapatinib)
- Uceris (budesonide extended-release tablet) – **PA**
- Vascepa (icosapent ethyl) – **PA**
- Vectical (calcitriol ointment) – **PA**
- Veletri (epoprostenol) – **PA**
- Viibryd (vilazodone) – **PA**
- Vusion (miconazole/zinc oxide ointment)
- Vytorin (ezetimibe/simvastatin) – **PA > 1 unit/day**
- Welchol (colesevelam)
- Xerese (acyclovir/hydrocortisone)
- Xyrem (sodium oxybate) – **PA**
- Zavesca (miglustat) – **PA**
- Zegerid (omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate capsule)
- Zovirax (acyclovir cream)
- Zovirax (acyclovir suspension)
- Zyclara (imiquimod 2.5%, 3.75% cream) – **PA**
- Zytiga (abiraterone 250 mg, 500 mg) – **PA**