



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.

- Absorica (isotretinoin) – **PA**
- Adderall XR (amphetamine salts extended-release) – **PA < 3 years or ≥ 21 years and PA > 2 units/day**
- Advair (fluticasone/salmeterol inhalation)
- Afinitor (everolimus 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 7.5 mg, 10 mg) – **PA**
- Afinitor Disperz (everolimus tablets for oral suspension) – **PA**
- Airduo Respiclick (fluticasone/salmeterol inhalation powder) – **PA**
- Alphagan P (brimonidine 0.1%, 0.15% eye drops)
- Ancobon (flucytosine)
- Apriso (mesalamine 0.375 gram extended-release capsule)
- Atelvia (risedronate delayed-release) – **PA**
- Atralin (tretinoin 0.05% gel) – **PA**
- Azasite (azithromycin ophthalmic solution) – **PA**
- Azopt (brinzolamide)
- Banzel (rufinamide) – **PA**
- Bepreve (bepotastine)
- Bethkis (tobramycin inhalation solution) – **PA**
- Biltricide (praziquantel)
- Breo (fluticasone/vilanterol)
- Buphenyl (sodium phenylbutyrate)
- Butrans (buprenorphine transdermal) – **PA > 20 mcg/hr and PA > 4 patches/28 days**
- Byetta (exenatide 5 mcg injection) – **PA > 1.2 mL/30 days**
- Byetta (exenatide 10 mcg injection) – **PA > 2.4 mL/30 days**
- Carac (fluorouracil 0.5% cream) – **PA**
- Carbaglu (carglumic acid) – **PA**
- Cleocin T (clindamycin lotion)
- Clindagel (clindamycin gel)
- Complera (emtricitabine/rilpivirine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate)
- Concerta (methylphenidate extended-release) – **PA < 3 years or ≥ 21 years and PA > 2 units/day**
- Condylox (podofilox gel)
- Copaxone (glatiramer)
- Cosopt PF (dorzolamide/timolol, preservative free) – **PA**
- Cuprimine (penicillamine capsule)
- Cystadane (betaine)
- Daraprim (pyrimethamine) – **PA**
- Daytrana (methylphenidate transdermal) – **PA < 3 years or ≥ 21 years and PA > 1 unit/day**
- Demser (metyrosine)
- Denavir (penciclovir)
- Depakote (divalproex sprinkle capsule) – **PA < 6 years**
- Dermotic (fluocinolone oil, otic drops)
- Dexilant (dexlansoprazole)

- Diclegis (doxylamine/pyridoxine delayed-release) – **PA**
- Divigel (estradiol)
- Duetact (glimepiride/pioglitazone) – **PA**
- Dulera (mometasone/formoterol)
- Dymista (azelastine/fluticasone propionate)
- Edurant (rilpivirine)
- Efudex (fluorouracil 5% cream)
- Elidel (pimecrolimus)
- Emend (aprepitant trifold pack) – **PA > 2 packs/28 days**
- Emflaza (deflazacort) – **PA**
- Emtriva (emtricitabine)
- Eurax (crotamiton lotion) – **PA**
- Exelon (rivastigmine patch) – **PA > 1 unit/day**
- Exjade (deferasirox 125 mg, 250 mg, 500 mg)
- Fabior (tazarotene foam) – **PA**
- Farxiga (dapagliflozin)
- Finacea (azelaic acid foam) – **PA**
- Firvanq (vancomycin oral solution)
- Flovent (fluticasone propionate inhalation)
- Focalin XR (dexamethylphenidate extended-release) – **PA < 3 years or ≥ 21 years and PA > 2 units/day**
- Forteo (teriparatide 600 mcg/2.4 mL) – **PA**
- Frova (frovatriptan) – **PA**
- Gattex (teduglutide injection) – **PA**
- Gelnique (oxybutynin gel)
- Hetlioz (tasimelteon) – **PA**
- Horizant (gabapentin enacarbil) – **PA < 6 years and PA > 1200 mg/day**
- Humira (adalimumab) – **PA**
- Inspra (eplerenone)
- Intelence (etravirine)
- Isentress (raltegravir)
- Isordil (isosorbide dinitrate 40 mg tablet) – **PA**
- Istalol (timolol)
- Kitabis Pak (tobramycin inhalation solution)
- Kombiglyze XR (saxagliptin/metformin extended-release)
- Lantus (insulin glargine)
- Lialda (mesalamine 1.2 gram delayed-release tablet)
- Lotemax (loteprednol 0.5%)
- Lyrica CR (pregabalin extended-release) – **PA**
- Marinol (dronabinol 2.5 mg) – **PA > 2 units/day**
- Mestinon (pyridostigmine bromide solution)
- Minivelle (estradiol)
- Mitigare (colchicine capsule) – **PA**
- Moviprep (polyethylene glycol-electrolyte solution)
- Mycobutin (rifabutin)
- Myrbetriq (mirabegron extended-release)
- 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) – **PA**
- Nucynta (tapentadol) – **PA**
- Nucynta (tapentadol extended-release) – **PA**
- Olux-E (clobetasol propionate foam/emollient)
- Onexton (clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide gel pump) – **PA**
- Onglyza (saxagliptin)
- Oxtellar XR (oxcarbazepine extended-release) – **PA**
- Oxycontin (oxycodone extended-release tablet) – **PA**
- Pentasa (mesalamine 250 mg, 500 mg controlled-release capsule)
- Pradaxa (dabigatran capsule)
- Pred Forte (prednisolone acetate 1% ophthalmic suspension)
- Prevacid Solutab (lansoprazole orally disintegrating tablet) – **PA ≥ 2 years**
- Proglycem (diazoxide)
- Prolensa (bromfenac 0.07%)
- Promacta (eltrombopag olamine) – **PA**
- Protonix (pantoprazole 40 mg suspension) – **PA**
- Pylera (bismuth subcitrate/metronidazole/tetracycline)
- Qudexy XR (topiramate extended-release capsule) – **PA < 6 years**
- Remodulin (treprostinil injection) – **PA**

- Restasis (cyclosporine 0.05% ophthalmic emulsion)
- Retin-A (tretinoin) – **PA ≥ 21 years**
- Retin-A Micro (tretinoin microspheres) – **PA**
- Revatio (sildenafil oral suspension) – **PA**
- Revlimid (lenalidomide) – **PA**
- Risperdal Consta (risperidone 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 37.5 mg, 50 mg extended-release intramuscular injection) – **PA < 10 years and PA > 2 injections/28 days**
- Rozerem (ramelteon) – **PA > 1 unit/day**
- Sabril (vigabatrin) – **PA**
- Samsca (tolvaptan) – **PA**
- Solodyn (minocycline extended-release 55 mg, 65 mg, 80 mg, 105 mg, 115 mg tablet)
- Spiriva Handihaler (tiotropium inhalation powder)
- Sporanox (itraconazole solution)
- Sprycel (dasatinib)
- 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)
- Sutent (sunitinib) – **PA**
- Symbicort (budesonide/formoterol)
- Syprine (trientine 250 mg capsule)
- Taclonex (betamethasone/calcipotriene topical suspension) – **PA**
- Tassigna (nilotinib)
- Targretin (bexarotene)
- Teflaro (ceftaroline)
- Tegretol XR (carbamazepine extended-release) – **PA < 6 years**
- Tekturna (aliskiren) – **PA**
- Testim (testosterone 1% gel tube) – **PA**
- Thalomid (thalidomide)
- Thiola (tiopronin)
- Thiola EC (tiopronin delayed-release)
- Timoptic Ocudose (timolol ophthalmic unit dose solution) – **PA**
- Tirosint (levothyroxine)
- Toujeo (insulin glargine)
- Tracleer (bosentan) – **PA**
- Transderm-Scop (scopolamine transdermal patch)
- Travatan Z (travoprost 0.004% eye drop)
- Tresiba (insulin degludec)
- Trileptal (oxcarbazepine suspension) – **PA < 6 years**
- Trokendi XR (topiramate extended-release capsule) – **PA**
- Tykerb (lapatinib)
- Uceris (budesonide extended-release tablet)
- Vascepa (icosapent ethyl) – **PA**
- Valcyte (valganciclovir powder for oral solution) – **PA**
- Ventolin (albuterol inhaler)
- Victoza (liraglutide) – **PA > 9 mL/30 days**
- Vivelle-Dot (estradiol)
- Votrient (pazopanib) – **PA**
- Vusion (miconazole/zinc oxide ointment)
- Vyvanse (lisdexamfetamine capsule) – **PA < 3 years or ≥ 21 years and PA > 2 units/day**
- Vyvanse (lisdexamfetamine chewable tablet) – **PA**
- Xenical (orlistat) – **PA**
- Xigduo XR (dapagliflozin/metformin extended-release)
- Xyrem (sodium oxybate) – **PA**
- Zavesca (miglustat 100 mg) – **PA**
- Zioptan (tafluprost) – **PA**
- Zovirax (acyclovir cream)
- Zyclara (imiquimod 2.5%, 3.75% cream) – **PA**
- Zyvox (linezolid suspension) – **PA**