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2019 National Preferred Formulary Exclusions

The excluded medications shown below are not covered on the Express Scripts drug list. In most cases, if you fill a prescription for one of these drugs, you will pay the full retail price.

Take action to avoid paying full price. If you're currently using one of the excluded medications, please ask your doctor to consider writing you a new prescription for one of the following preferred alternatives. Additional covered alternatives may be available. Costs for covered alternatives may vary. Log on to **express-scripts.com/covered** to compare drug prices. Not all the drugs listed are covered by all prescription plans; check your benefit materials for the specific drugs covered and the copayments for your plan. For specific questions about your coverage, please call the number on your member ID card.

Express Scripts manages your prescription plan for your employer, plan sponsor, health plan or benefit fund. These excluded medications do not apply to Medicare plans.

Drug Class	Excluded Medications	Preferred Alternatives
AUTONOMIC & CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM Alpha-2 Adrenergic Agonists (for Opioid Withdrawal)	LUCEMYRA	clonidine
Anti-Migraine Therapy	SUMAVEL DOSEPRO	sumatriptan injection
Antiparkinsonism Agents	GOCOVRI ER, OSMOLEX ER	amantadine capsules, amantadine tablets, amantadine oral solution
	NEUPRO PATCHES	pramipexole tablets, pramipexole ER tablets, ropinirole tablets
	XADAGO	rasagiline, selegiline
Beta Interferons for Multiple Sclerosis	EXTAVIA	AVONEX ADMINISTRATION PACK, AVONEX PEN, BETASERON, PLEGRIDY, REBIF, REBIF REBIDOSE
Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) Agents	EMFLAZA	prednisone solution, prednisone tablets
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Long-Acting Opioid Oral Analgesics	EMBEDA, OXYCODONE ER	hydromorphone ER, morphine sulfate ER, oxymorphone ER, HYSINGLA ER, NUCYNTA ER, OXYCONTIN
Narcotic Analgesics	BUTRANS	BELBUCA
Narcotic Antagonists	EVZIO	naloxone syringes, NARCAN NASAL SPRAY
Neuropathic Agents	LYRICA CR	gabapentin, GRALISE, LYRICA
Transmucosal Fentanyl Analgesics	ABSTRAL, FENTORA, LAZANDA	fentanyl citrate lozenges
CARDIOVASCULAR Anticoagulants	PRADAXA, SAVAYSA	ELIQUIS, XARELTO
HMG & Cholesterol Inhibitor Combinations	ALTOPREV, ZYPITAMAG	atorvastatin, lovastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin, LIVALO
PCSK9 Inhibitors	REPATHA	PRALUENT
DERMATOLOGICAL Oral Agents for Rosacea	DOXYCYCLINE 40 MG CAPSULES	ORACEA
Topical Acne/Antibiotic Combinations	AKTIPAK, VELTIN	clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide, clindamycin/tretinoin, erythromycin/benzoyl peroxide, ACANYA, ONEXTON
Topical Agents for Actinic Keratosis	FLUOROURACIL 0.5% CREAM, IMIQUIMOD 3.75% CREAM PUMP, ZYCLARA	diclofenac 3% gel, fluorouracil 2% solution, fluorouracil 5% cream, imiquimod 5% cream, CARAC, PICATO
Topical Antifungal	LULICONAZOLE	ciclopirox, econazole, ketoconazole, naftifine, oxiconazole
Topical Antiviral Agents	XERESE CREAM	acyclovir capsules, acyclovir tablets, famciclovir tablets, valacyclovir tablets, ZOVIRAX CREAM
Topical Corticosteroids	TOPICORT SPRAY, VERDESO FOAM	desonide 0.05% cream/lotion/ointment, desoximetasone 0.25% cream/ointment
Miscellaneous Topical Dermatological Agents	ALCORTIN A	hydrocortisone, mupirocin

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DIABETES Blood Glucose Meters & Test Strips	ABBOTT (FREESTYLE, PRECISION), BAYER (BREEZE, CONTOUR), NATIONAL MEDICAL (ADVOCATE), OMNIS HEALTH (EMBRACE, VICTORY), ROCHE (ACCU-CHEK), TRIVIDIA (TRUETEST, TRUETRACK), UNISTRIP ALL OTHER METERS & STRIPS THAT ARE NOT LIFESCAN BRAND	LIFESCAN (ONETOUCH)
Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 Inhibitors & Combinations	ALOGLIPTIN, NESINA, ONGLYZA	JANUVIA, TRADJENTA
	ALOGLIPTIN/METFORMIN, KAZANO, KOMBIGLYZE XR	JANUMET, JANUMET XR, JENTADUETO, JENTADUETO XR
Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Agonists	ADLYXIN, TANZEUM, VICTOZA	BYDUREON, BYETTA, OZEMPIC, TRULICITY
Insulins	NOVOLIN	HUMULIN
	ADMELOG, APIDRA, FIASP, NOVOLOG	HUMALOG
EAR/NOSE Nasal Steroids	BECONASE AQ, OMNARIS, ZETONNA	budesonide, flunisolide, fluticasone, mometasone, QNASL
Otic Fluoroquinolone Antibiotics	CETRAXAL	ciprofloxacin ear solution, ofloxacin ear solution, CIPRODEX, OTOVEL
ENDOCRINE (OTHER) Combination Patches	CLIMARA PRO	COMBIPATCH
Estrogen and Estrogen Modifiers for Vaginal Symptoms	FEMRING	estradiol patches, estradiol tablets, yuvafem, ESTRING, PREMARIN CREAM, PREMARIN TABLETS
Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone (GnRH) Agonists (for Central Precocious Puberty)	LUPRON DEPOT-PED	TRIPTODUR
Growth Hormones	HUMATROPE, NUTROPIN AQ NUSPIN, OMNITROPE, SAIZEN, SAIZENPREP, ZOMACTON	GENOTROPIN, NORDITROPIN FLEXPRO
Somatostatin Analogs	SANDOSTATIN LAR DEPOT, SIGNIFOR LAR	SOMATULINE DEPOT
Topical Estrogen Gels	ESTROGEL	DIVIGEL
Topical Testosterone Products	FORTESTA, NATESTO, TESTOSTERONE GEL	ANDROGEL 1.62%
GASTROINTESTINAL Corticosteroids (Rectal Formulations)	CORTIFOAM	hydrocortisone enema, UCERIS FOAM
Inflammatory Bowel Agents	ASACOL HD, DELZICOL, DIPENTUM	balsalazide disodium, mesalamine 1.2 gm delayed release, sulfasalazine, APRISO, PENTASA
Pancreatic Enzymes	PANCREAZE, PERTZYE	CREON, ZENPEP
Proton Pump Inhibitors	ACIPHEX SPRINKLE, PRILOSEC SUSPENSION, PROTONIX SUSPENSION	esomeprazole, lansoprazole, omeprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole, NEXIUM PACKETS
HEMATOLOGICAL Erythropoiesis-Stimulating Agents	ARANESP, EPOGEN, MIRCERA	PROCRIT
Factor VIII Recombinant Products	ELOCTATE, RECOMBINATE, XYNTHA, XYNTHA SOLOFUSE	ADVATE, ADYNOVATE, AFSTYLA, HELIXATE FS, KOGENATE FS, KOVALTRY, NOVOEIGHT, NUWIQ
Granulocyte Colony Stimulating Factors	NEUPOGEN	GRANIX, ZARXIO
HEPATITIS Hepatitis C	DAKLINZA, MAVYRET, OLYSIO, SOVALDI	EPCLUSA, HARVONI, VOSEVI, ZEPATIER
HIV Antiretrovirals	ATRIPLA	BIKTARVY, GENVOYA, ODEFSEY, STRIBILD, SYMFI, SYMFI LO, TRIUMEQ
MUSCULOSKELETAL & RHEUMATOLOGY Gout Therapy	COLCHICINE	COLCRYS, MITIGARE
	DUZALLO, ZURAMPIC	allopurinol, probenecid
Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)	FENOPROFEN CAPSULES, FENORTHO, NALFON	fenoprofen calcium tablets, diclofenac, indomethacin, ibuprofen, meloxicam, nabumetone, naproxen

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OBSTETRICAL & GYNECOLOGICAL Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone (GnRH) Antagonists (for Infertility)	GANIRELIX ACETATE	CETROTIDE
Human Chorionic Gonadotropin	CHORIONIC GONADOTROPIN, PREGNYL	NOVAREL, OVIDREL
Ovulatory Stimulants (Follitropins)	BRAVELLE, FOLLISTIM AQ	GONAL-F, GONAL-F RFF, GONAL-F RFF REDI-JECT
Vaginal Progesterones	ENDOMETRIN	CRINONE 8% GEL
OPHTHALMIC Antiglaucoma Drugs (Beta-Adrenergic Blockers)	TIMOPTIC OCUDOSE	betaxolol drops, levobunolol drops, timolol drops, ALPHAGAN P 0.1%, COMBIGAN
Antiglaucoma Drugs (Ophthalmic Prostaglandins)	ZIOPTAN	bimatoprost drops, latanoprost drops, LUMIGAN, TRAVATAN Z
Ophthalmic Anti-Allergic	ALOCRIL, ALOMIDE, EMADINE	azelastine drops, cromolyn drops, olopatadine drops, ALREX, BEPREVE, PAZEO
Ophthalmic Anti-Inflammatory	FLAREX, FML FORTE, FML S.O.P., MAXIDEX, PRED MILD	dexamethasone drops, fluorometholone drops, prednisolone drops, LOTEMAX
Ophthalmic Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)	ACUVAIL, NEVANAC	bromfenac drops, diclofenac drops, ketorolac drops, ILEVRO, PROLENSA
OSTEOARTHRITIS Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives	DUROLANE, GEL-ONE, GELSYN-3, GENVISC 850, HYALGAN, HYMOVIS, SUPARTZ FX, SYNVISC, SYNVISC-ONE, VISCO-3	EUFLEXXA, MONOVISC, ORTHOVISC
RENAL DISEASE Phosphate Binders	FOSRENOL POWDER PACKETS, RENAGEL	lanthanum, sevelamer carbonate, PHOSLYRA, VELPHORO
RESPIRATORY Epinephrine Auto-Injector Systems	AUVI-Q, EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR (BY A-S MEDICATION, IMPAX & LINEAGE)	EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR (BY MYLAN), EPIPEN, EPIPEN JR
Long-Acting Beta Agonist Nebulized	BROVANA	PERFOROMIST
Pulmonary Anti-Inflammatory Inhalers	ALVESCO	ARMONAIR RESPICLICK, ARNUITY ELLIPTA, ASMANEX HFA/TWISTHALER, FLOVENT DISKUS/HFA, PULMICORT FLEXHALER, QVAR
Short-Acting $Beta_2$-Agonist Inhalers	LEVALBUTEROL HFA, PROVENTIL HFA, XOPENEX HFA	PROAIR HFA/RESPICLICK, VENTOLIN HFA
UROLOGICAL Erectile Dysfunction Oral Agents	LEVITRA, STAXYN	sildenafil, CIALIS
WEIGHT LOSS Weight Loss Agents	CONTRAVE ER, QSYMIA	benzphetamine, diethylpropion, phentermine
MISCELLANEOUS AGENTS	ENDARI	Over-the-Counter glutamine powder or tablets
	HYDROXYPROGESTERONE 1,250 MG/5 ML	hydroxyprogesterone caproate 250 mg/ml (single dose vial)
	SIKLOS	DROXIA
	MEBOLIC, OMNIVEX, XYZBAC, ZYVIT	Over-the-Counter multivitamin combination plus folic acid
	NOCTIVA	desmopressin tablets
Hereditary Angioedema	BERINERT	RUCONEST

Indication Based Management

Drug Class	Nonpreferred Medications	Preferred Alternatives
INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS‡	All other Brand Name medications for Inflammatory Conditions are Nonpreferred. Approval may be granted following a coverage review. A trial of one or more Preferred medications is required prior to initiating therapy with a Nonpreferred medication. A formulary exception may be granted for patients already established on therapy with a Nonpreferred medication.	ACTEMRA, COSENTYX, ENBREL, HUMIRA, INFLECTRA, OTEZLA, REMICADE, RENFLEXIS, SIMPONI 100 MG (FOR ULCERATIVE COLITIS ONLY), STELARA SC, TREMFYA*, XELJANZ, XELJANZ XR

‡ *Please note that product placement for treatment for Inflammatory Conditions are subject to change throughout the year based upon changes in market dynamics, new indications for existing products, biosimilar and new product launches.*

* *This medication may be subject to step therapy.*

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Excluded Medications/Products at a Glance

ABBOTT (FREESTYLE, PRECISION)
ABILIFY^
ABSTRAL
ACIPHEX^
ACIPHEX SPRINKLE
ACUVAIL
ADCIRCA^
ADDERALL^
ADLYXIN
ADMELOG
AKTIPAK
ALCORTIN A
ALOCRIL
ALOGLIPTIN
ALOGLIPTIN/METFORMIN
ALOMIDE
ALTOPREV
ALVESCO
ANDROGEL 1%^
ANUSOL-HC^
APIDRA
ARANESP
ARIMIDEX^
ASACOL HD
ATACAND^, ATACAND HCT^
ATRIPLA
AUVI-Q
AVALIDE^, AVAPRO^
AVODART^
AZOR^
BAYER (BREEZE, CONTOUR)
BECONASE AQ
BENICAR^, BENICAR HCT^
BERINERT
BRAVELLE
BRISDELLE^
BROVANA
BUPAP^
BUTRANS
CELEBREX^
CELEXA^
CETRAXAL
CHORIONIC GONADOTROPIN
CLIMARA PRO
COLCHICINE
CONTRAVE ER
COREG^
CORTIFOAM
COSOPT^
COZAAR^, HYZAAR^
CRESTOR^
CYMBALTA^
CYTOMEL^
DAKLINZA
DELZICOL
DETROL^, DETROL LA^
DIOVAN^, DIOVAN HCT^
DIPENTUM
DOXYCYCLINE 40 MG CAPSULES
DUROLANE
DUZALLO
EFFEXOR XR^
ELOCTATE
EMADINE
EMBEDA
EMFLAZA
ENDARI
ENDOMETRIN
EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR
(BY A-S MEDICATION, IMPAX & LINEAGE)
EPOGEN
ESTROGEL
EVZIO
EXFORGE^, EXFORGE HCT^
EXONDYS 51
EXTAVIA
FEMRING
FENOPROFEN CAPSULES
FENORTHO
FENTORA
FIASP
FLAREX
FLUOROURACIL 0.5% CREAM
FML FORTE, FML S.O.P.
FOLLISTIM AQ
FORTESTA
FOSRENOL CHEWABLE TABLETS^
FOSRENOL POWDER PACKETS
GANIRELIX ACETATE
GEL-ONE
GELSYN-3
GENVISC 850
GLEEVEC^
GLUCOPHAGE^, GLUCOPHAGE XR^
GLUMETZA^
GOCOVRI ER
HUMATROPE
HYALGAN
HYDROXYPROGESTERONE 1,250 MG/5 ML
HYMOVIS
IMIQUIMOD 3.75% CREAM PUMP
IMITREX^
INDERAL LA^
INTUNIV^
ISTALOL^
KAZANO
KEPPRA^, KEPPRA XR^
KOMBIGLYZE XR
LAMICTAL^, LAMICTAL ODT^, LAMICTAL XR^
LAZANDA
LEVALBUTEROL HFA
LEVITRA
LEXAPRO^
LIBRAX^
LIDODERM^
LIPITOR^
LOESTRIN^, LOESTRIN FE^
LOTREL^
LOVENOX^
LUCEMYRA
LULICONAZOLE
LUNESTA^
LUPRON DEPOT-PED
LYRICA CR
MAVYRET
MAXALT^, MAXALT MLT^
MAXIDEX
MEBOLIC
MICARDIS^, MICARDIS HCT^
MINASTRIN 24 FE^
MIRCERA
NALFON
NAMENDA XR^
NASONEX^
NATESTO
NATIONAL MEDICAL (ADVOCATE)
NESINA
NEUPOGEN
NEUPRO PATCHES
NEURONTIN^
NEVANAC
NOCTIVA
NORCO^
NORVASC^
NOVOLIN
NOVOLOG
NUTROPIN AQ NUSPIN
NUVIGIL^
OLYSIO
OMNARIS
OMNIS HEALTH (EMBRACE, VICTORY)
OMNITROPE
OMNIVEX
ONGLYZA
ORTHO TRI-CYCLEN^, ORTHO TRI-CYCLEN LO^
OSMOLEX ER
OXYCODONE ER
PANCREAZE
PERTZYE
PLAQUENIL^
PLAVIX^
PRADAXA
PRED MILD
PREGNYL
PREVACID^, PREVACID SOLUTAB^
PRILOSEC SUSPENSION
PRISTIQ^
PROTONIX^
PROTONIX SUSPENSION
PROVENTIL HFA
PROVIGIL^
PROZAC^
PULMICORT RESPULES^
QSYMIA
RECOMBINATE
RENAGEL
REPATHA
ROCHE (ACCU-CHEK)
SAIZEN, SAIZENPREP
SANDOSTATIN LAR DEPOT
SAVAYSA
SEROQUEL^, SEROQUEL XR^
SIGNIFOR LAR
SIKLOS
SINGULAIR^
SOVALDI
STAXYN
STRATTERA^
SUMAVEL DOSEPRO
SUPARTZ FX
SYNVISC, SYNVISC-ONE
TANZEUM
TESTIM^
TESTOSTERONE GEL
TIKOSYN^
TIMOPTIC OCUDOSE
TOBI SOLUTION^
TOPAMAX^
TOPICORT SPRAY
TRIBENZOR^
TRICOR^
TRILEPTAL^
TRIVIDIA (TRUETEST, TRUETRACK)
UNISTRIP
UROXATRAL^
VAGIFEM^
VALIUM^
VALTREX^
VELTIN
VERDESO FOAM
VIAGRA^
VICTOZA
VISCO-3
VIVELLE- DOT^
VOGELXO^
VYTORIN^
WELLBUTRIN SR^
XADAGO
XALATAN^
XANAX^, XANAX XR^
XENAZINE^
XERESE CREAM
XOPENEX HFA
XYNTHA, XYNTHA SOLOFUSE
XYZBAC
YASMIN^
ZEGERID^
ZETIA^
ZETONNA
ZIOPTAN
ZOCOR^
ZOLOFT^
ZOMACTON
ZOMIG TABLETS^, ZOMIG ZMT^
ZONEGRAN^
ZURAMPIC
ZYCLARA
ZYFLO CR^
ZYPITAMAG
ZYVIT

^ *Multisource brand exclusion – The generic equivalent of this brand-name medication is covered under your plan. FDA-approved generic medications meet strict standards and contain the same active ingredients as their corresponding brand-name medications, although they may have a different appearance. As new generic medications become available, additional multisource brand products may become excluded.*

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