

2015 Empire Plan Flexible Formulary Drug List: New Excluded Medications for 2015

2015 Empire Plan Flexible Formulary Drug List means a Preferred Drug List in which Brand Drugs may be assigned to different copayment levels based on value and clinical judgment. In some cases, drugs may be excluded from coverage if a therapeutic alternative or over-the-counter drug is available.

Access to one or more drugs in select therapeutic categories may be restricted (not covered) if the drug(s) has no clinical advantage over other generic and brand name medications in the same therapeutic class. Drugs considered to have no clinical advantage that may be excluded include any products that:

- (1) contain an active ingredient available in and therapeutically equivalent to another drug covered in the class;
- (2) contain an active ingredient which is a modified version of and therapeutically equivalent to another covered Prescription Drug Product;
- (3) are available in over-the-counter form or comprised of components that are available in over-the-counter form or equivalent.

Excluded Medication	General Medication Use	Comments	Exclusion Reason
Binosto (alendronate) effervescent tablet	Osteoporosis (Brittle Bones)	Alendronate is the active ingredient in Binosto (alendronate) effervescent tablet. Alendronate is preferred on the 2015 Empire Plan Flexible Formulary Drug List.	#1 Agents contain the same active ingredient
Bunavail (buprenorphine/naloxone) buccal film	Pain Killer Addiction	Bunavail (buprenorphine/naloxone) buccal film contains the same active ingredients as buprenorphine/naloxone tablets and Zubsolv (buprenorphine/naloxone) tablets. Buprenorphine/naloxone tablets and Zubsolv tablets are preferred on the 2015 Empire Plan Flexible Formulary Drug List.	#1 Agents contain the same active ingredient
esomeprazole delayed release	Heartburn	Esomeprazole delayed release contains a modified version of omeprazole delayed release. Omeprazole delayed release is preferred on the 2015 Empire Flexible Formulary Drug List. Esomeprazole delayed release contains the same active ingredient as Nexium 24HR (esomeprazole delayed release). Nexium 24HR is available over the counter.	#2 Agents contain a modified version of the same active ingredient <i>and</i> #3 Agents have an over-the-counter equivalent
Fenoglide (fenofibrate)	High Cholesterol	Fenofibrate is the active ingredient in Fenoglide (fenofibrate). Fenofibrate is preferred on the 2015 Empire Flexible Formulary Drug List.	#1 Agents contain the same active ingredient
Fluoroplex (fluorouracil) cream	Actinic Keratosis (Sun Damaged Skin)	Fluoroplex (fluorouracil) contains the same active ingredient as Carac (fluorouracil) cream and fluorouracil cream and solution. Carac cream and fluorouracil cream and solution are preferred on the 2015 Empire Plan Flexible Formulary Drug List.	#1 Agents contain the same active ingredient

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Fosamax Plus D (alendronate/cholecalciferol)	Osteoporosis (Brittle Bones)	Alendronate is an active ingredient in Fosamax Plus D (alendronate/cholecalciferol). Alendronate is preferred on the 2015 Empire Flexible Formulary Drug List. Fosamax Plus D (alendronate/cholecalciferol) contains cholecalciferol. Cholecalciferol (vitamin D₃) is available over the counter.	#1 Agents contain the same active ingredient <i>and</i> #3 Agents have an over-the-counter equivalent
Gonal-F/Gonal-F RFF (follitropin alfa) injection	Infertility	Gonal-F/Gonal-F RFF (follitropin alfa) and Follistim AQ (follitropin beta) injections are modified versions of follicle stimulating hormone. Follistim AQ injection is preferred on the 2015 Empire Plan Flexible Formulary Drug List.	#2 Agents contain a modified version of the same active ingredient
Lunesta (eszopiclone)	Insomnia (Trouble Sleeping)	Eszopiclone is the active ingredient in Lunesta (eszopiclone). Eszopiclone is preferred on the 2015 Empire Flexible Formulary Drug List.	#1 Agents contain the same active ingredient
Natesto (testosterone) gel	Low Testosterone	Natesto (testosterone) gel contains the same active ingredient as Androderm (testosterone) patch and Axiron (testosterone) solution. Androderm patch and Axiron solution are preferred on the 2015 Empire Plan Flexible Formulary Drug List.	#1 Agents contain the same active ingredient
Prolensa (bromfenac) solution	Eye Inflammation or Pain	Bromfenac is the active ingredient in Prolensa (bromfenac) solution. Bromfenac solution is preferred on the 2015 Empire Flexible Formulary Drug List.	#1 Agents contain the same active ingredient

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testosterone gel	Low Testosterone	Testosterone gel contains the same active ingredient as Androderm (testosterone) patch and Axiron (testosterone) solution. Androderm patch and Axiron solution are preferred on the 2015 Empire Plan Flexible Formulary Drug List.	#1 Agents contain the same active ingredient
Tretin-X (tretinoin) cream and gel	Acne	Tretin-X (tretinoin) cream and gel contains the same active ingredient as tretinoin cream and gel and Acanya (tretinoin) gel. Tretinoin cream and gel and Acanya (tretinoin) gel are preferred on the 2015 Empire Plan Flexible Formulary Drug List.	#1 Agents contain the same active ingredient
Triglide (fenofibrate)	High Cholesterol	Fenofibrate is the active ingredient in Triglide (fenofibrate). Fenofibrate is preferred on the 2015 Empire Flexible Formulary Drug List.	#1 Agents contain the same active ingredient
Vogelxo (testosterone) gel	Low Testosterone	Vogelxo (testosterone) gel contains the same active ingredient as Androderm (testosterone) patch and Axiron (testosterone) solution. Androderm patch and Axiron solution are preferred on the 2015 Empire Plan Flexible Formulary Drug List.	#1 Agents contain the same active ingredient
Zegerid (omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate delayed release) suspension	Heartburn	Zegerid (omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate delayed release) suspension contains the same active ingredients as Zegerid OTC (omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate delayed release). Zegerid OTC is available over the counter.	#3 Agents have an over-the-counter equivalent
Zorvolex (diclofenac)	Pain	Diclofenac is the active ingredient in Zorvolex (diclofenac). Diclofenac is preferred on the 2015 Empire Flexible Formulary Drug List.	#1 Agents contain the same active ingredient