



## Guide to Your Preferred Drug List

Your preferred drug list, sometimes called a formulary, is a list of brand-name and generic medications that are preferred by your plan. These medications are selected because they can safely and effectively treat most medical conditions while helping to contain costs for you and your plan.

### How are the medications on the preferred drug list chosen?

A national panel of physicians and pharmacists continually reviews and compares prescription drugs to ensure your preferred drug list includes proven medications in every drug category.

### What's the difference between preferred and nonpreferred drugs?

You will almost always have a lower copayment for preferred drugs. They will also save your plan money to keep your benefit affordable. Ask your doctor to consider prescribing a generic or preferred brand-name drug if he or she thinks it would be right for you.

### Is there a difference between a nonpreferred drug and an excluded drug?

Yes, an important difference. If you fill a prescription for a nonpreferred drug, you will usually have a higher copayment than for a preferred drug. But if you try to fill a prescription for a drug that is excluded or not covered on your drug list, you may pay the full, nondiscounted retail price. A section of your preferred drug list shows excluded drugs, along with preferred alternatives for each, that you and your doctor may consider.

### How do I know which drugs are preferred?

Your preferred drug list contains thousands of commonly prescribed drugs. To see if a medication is covered on your 2015 drug list, log on at [Express-Scripts.com](http://Express-Scripts.com) and click on "Price a medication." If your drug is not preferred, talk with your doctor to identify an appropriate alternative that will effectively treat your condition. For more information, call the toll-free number on your member ID card.