

# Suggested Therapeutic Alternatives from the National Formulary

Chambers Plan Health options cover drugs on the TELUS National Formulary. Although the National Formulary covers many of the most frequently prescribed drugs, it does not cover them all. While non-formulary drugs are covered at a lower percentage or not covered at all, there may be possible therapeutic alternatives that are included on the formulary.

A possible therapeutic alternative is not indicative of interchangeability. The decision about what drugs are prescribed is between **you and your doctor**. By discussing your plan with your doctor, a drug therapy may be prescribed, when appropriate, which is an eligible expense on the formulary. Doctors who want additional information can call TELUS Health Solutions toll-free at 1.888.668.1330.

The table on the following pages lists the most commonly prescribed non-formulary drugs and suggests possible alternatives that are included on the formulary.



**Chambers Plan**  
Employee Benefits



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Non-Formulary Drug	National Formulary Drug Alternative
<b>ACNE</b> Accutane, Clarus, Diane-35, Epuris, Toctino, Yaz Plus, Aczone, Benzoyl Peroxide ≤ 5%, Tazorac	Mya, Yasmin, Yaz, Zamine, Zarah, Benzaclin, Benzamycin, Benzoyl Peroxide > 5%, Biacna , Clindets Pledgets, Clindoxyl, Dalacin T, Differin, Retin-A, Stieva-A, Tactupump, Vitamin A Acid,
<b>ACTINIC KERATOSES</b> Aldara, Zyclar, Vyloma, Picato, Metvix	Efudex
<b>ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE</b> Campral	Revia
<b>ANTIDEPRESSANTS</b> Cipralex Meltz, Cymbalta, Fetzima, Nardil, Parnate, Paxil CR, Pristiq, Trintellix	Anafranil, Aventyl, Celexa, Cipralex, Effexor XR, Luvox, Manerix, Paxil, Prozac, Remeron, Sinequan, Wellbutrin, Wellbutrin XL, Zoloft
<b>ANTI-ALLERGY EYE DROPS</b> Alocril, Pataday, Zaditor	Alomide, Patanol
<b>ANTI-BACTERIAL EYE DROPS/OINTMENTS</b> Besivance, Ciloxan, Fucithalmic Viscous, Ocuflox, Polytrim, Vigamox, Zymar	Maxitrol Eye Drops, Tobradex OPH Drop, Tobrex
<b>ANTI-DIABETIC AGENTS</b> Actos, Amaryl, Avandamet, Avandia, Diamicron, Forxiga, Gluconorm, Glumetza, Invokana, Janumet, Januvia, Jardiance, Jentadueto, Komboglyze, Nesina, Onglyza, Trajenta, Xigduo, Bydureon, Byetta, Trulicity, Victoza Multidose Pen Injector	Diabeta, Glucobay, Glucophage
<b>ANTI-EPILEPTIC AGENTS</b> Aptiom, Banzel, Brivlera, Cerebyx, Diacomit, Diastat, Fycompa, Trileptal, Vimpat	Depakene, Dilantin, Epival, Frisium, Keppra, Lamictal, Lyrica, Neurontin, Rivotril, Sabril, Tegretol, Tegretol CR, Topamax, Zarontin
<b>ANTIFUNGAL AGENTS</b> Diflucan, Posanol, Vfend, Flagystatin Vaginal Cream, Flagystatin Vaginal Ovule, Jublia, Penlac, Stieprox, Locacorten Vioform Cream, Lotriiderm Cream, Vioform Hydrocortisone CRM	Sporanox, Lamisil, Loprox, Terazol

**Non-Formulary Drug****National Formulary Drug Alternative****ANTI-INFECTIVES**

Minocin, Bicillin L-A, Apprilon, Avelox, Cayston, Ceftin, Cipro, Ciprofloxacin Injection USP, Coly-Mycin M, Dapsone, Dificid, Fortaz, Invanz, Levaquin, Lincocin, Merrem (Vial), Mycobutin, Periostat, Primaxin, Suprax, Vancocin, Vancomycin, Zaxine, Zvoxam

Macrobid, Clavulin, Biaxin, Cefazolin, Cefzil, Dalacin C, Eryc, Flagyl, Keflex, Metronidazole, Rifadin, Rofact, Tobi, Vibramycin, Zithromax

**ANTI-INFLAMMATORY AGENTS**

Celebrex, Mobicox, Naprelan, Naprosyn E, Naprosyn SR, Ponstan, Vimovo

Anaprox, Anaprox D.S., Arthrotec, Pediapharm Naproxen, Toradol, Voltaren, Voltaren Rapide, Voltaren SR

**ANTI-INFLAMMATORY EYE DROPS**

Acuvail, Alrex, Durezol, Flarex, Ilevro, Lotemax, Nevanac, Ozurdex, Prolensa, Retisert, Triesence, Vexol

Acular, Acular LS, FML Forte, FML Liquifilm, Garasone Eye/Ear Drops, Maxidex, Pred Forte, Pred Mild, Voltaren OPH

**ANTI-MIGRAINE AGENTS**

Amerge, Axert, Frova, Imitrex, Maxalt, Migranal, Relpax, Zomig, Cambia

Cafergot Tablet, Sandomigran, Sandomigran DS, Dihydroergotamine

**ANTI-NAUSEANTS**

Aloxi, Cesamet, Diclectin Tablet, Emend, Kytril

Ondissolve ODF, Zofran, Serc

**ANTI-PARKINSONIAN AGENTS**

Azilect, Comtan, Mirapex, Neupro, Parsitan, Requip, Sinemet CR, Stalevo, Duodopa

Prolopa, Sinemet

**ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS**

Abilify Maintena, Clopixol, Clozaril, Invega Sustenna, Invega Trinza, Latuda, Piportil L, Risperdal Consta, Saphris, Seroquel XR, Zeldox, Zyprexa Intramuscular

Abilify, Carbolith, Fluanxol, Invega, Lithane, Loxapac, Modicate Conc, Navane, Neuleptil, Nozinan, Piportil L, Risperdal, Seroquel, Zyprexa, Zyprexa Zydis

**ANTIVIRALS**

Cytovene, Imunovir, Valcyte

Acyclovir, Famvir, Valtrex, Zovirax

**HEPATITIS**

Daklinza, Galexos, Harvoni, Hepsera, Moderiba, Pegasys, Sovaldi, Technivie Tablet, Unitron Peg, Zepatier

Baraclude, Epclusa, Heptovir, Holkira Pak Tablets, Ibavir, Pegasys RBV, Pegetron, Pegetron Redipen

Non-Formulary Drug	National Formulary Drug Alternative
<b>HIV</b>	
Aptivus, Celsentri, Fuzeon, Isentress, Triumeq	Sebivo, Atripla Tablet, Combivir Tablet, Complera Tablet, Crixivan, Descovy, Edurant, Genvoya Tablet, Intelence, Invirase, Kaletra, Kaletra Oral Solution, Kivexa, Norvir, Norvir SEC, Prezcobix, Prezista, Retrovir, Reyataz, Stribild, Sustiva, Telzir, Tivicay, Trizivir, Truvada Tablet, Videx, Viracept, Viramune, Viramune XR, Viread, Zerit, Ziagen
<b>ASTHMA THERAPY AND CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD)</b>	
Accolate, Anoro Ellipta, Daxas, Nucala, Onbrez Breezhaler, Singulair, Symbicort, Forte Turbuhaler, Ultibro Breezhaler, Xolair	Advair, Airomir, Alvesco, Arnuity Ellipta, Asmanex, Atrovent, Atrovent INH SOL, Breo Ellipta, Bricanyl, Combivent Respimat Inhalation Solution, Combivent UDV Inhalation Solution, Duaklir Genuair, Duovent UDV INH Solution, Flovent Diskus, Flovent HFA, Foradil DRY PWD, Incruse Ellipta, Inspierto Respimat, Oxeze Turbuhaler, Pulmicort, Pulmicort Nebuamp, Qvar, Seebri Breezhaler, Serevent, Serevent Diskus, Spiriva, Spiriva Respimat, Symbicort, Theolair, Tudorza Genuair, Uniphyl, Ventolin, Ventolin HFA, Ventolin Nebules, Zenhale
<b>ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD) / NARCOLEPSY</b>	
Adderall XR, Alertec, Biphenitin, Concerta, Intuniv XR, Straterra, Vyvanse	Dexedrine, Dexedrine Spansule, Ritalin, Ritalin SR
<b>BEDWETTING/ENURESIS</b>	
DDAVP - Injectable / Nasal, Nocdurna ODT	DDAVP - Oral, DDAVP Melt, Minirin
<b>BONE METABOLISM REGULATORS / OSTEOPOROSIS</b>	
Actonel DR, Forteo, Prolia, Xgeva, Zometa, Evista	Aclasta, Actonel, Didrocal, Fosamax, Fosavance, Aredia I.V., Bonefos, Calcimar, Clasteon, Pamidronate
<b>BLOOD THINNERS</b>	
Effient, Eliquis, Pradaxa, Xarelto, Aggrenox Capsule	Coumadin, Brilinta, Fragmin, Innohep, Lovenox, Lovenox HP, Plavix, Sintrom
<b>CHOLESTEROL AGENTS</b>	
Ezetrol, Juxtapid, Lodalis, Niaspan, Niaspan FCT, Praluent, Repatha	Bezalip, Caduet, Colestid, Colestid Granules, Crestor, Lescol, Lescol XL, Lipidil EZ, Lipidil Micro, Lipidil Supra, Lipitor, Pravachol, Zocor

**Non-Formulary Drug****National Formulary Drug Alternative****GLAUCOMA**

Azopt, Combigan OPH Solution, Alphagan OPH,  
Alphagan P, Simbrinza

Trusopt, Isopto Carpine, Azarga OPH Suspension,  
Betagan, Betoptic S, Cosopt, Timoptic, Timoptic-XE,  
Duotrav, Duotrav PQ, Iopidine, Lumigan, Lumigan RC,  
Travatan Z, Xalacom, Xalatan

**GOUT**

Uloric

Allopurinol, Colchicine

**HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE**

Evra Transdermal Patch, Nuvaring Vaginal Ring, Ella,  
Lolo, Seasonale, Seasonique, Yaz Plus Tablet

Jaydess, Mirena, Alesse, Brevicon, Cyclen, Demulen,  
Linessa, Loestrin, Marvelon, Micronor, Minestrin, Min-  
Ovral, Ortho, Select, Synphasic, Tri-Cyclen, Tri-Cyclen LO,  
Triquilar, Yasmin, Yaz Tablet

**HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY**

Activelle LD Tablet, Activelle Tablet, Climara, Climara Pro,  
Divigel, Estalis Transdermal Pad, Estradot, Estring, Estrogel,  
Oesclim, Sandoz Estradiol Derm

Angeliq, Depo-Provera, Estrace, FEM HRT LO Tablet,  
Premarin, Premarin Vaginal Cream/Appl., Prometrium,  
Provera, Vagifem

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS**

Gilenya, Lemtrada, Tecfidera, Tysabri, Fampyra

Aubagio, Avonex Pen, Avonex PS/Pen, Betaseron,  
Copaxone, Extavia, Plegridy, Rebif

**PAIN**

Robaxisal-C, Abstral, Butrans, Duragesic Mat, Durela,  
Fentora, Fiorinal-C, Jurnista, Linctus Codeine Blanc,  
Nucynta CR, Nucynta Extended Release, Nucynta IR,  
Oxy-IR, Oxyneo, Percocet Demi Tablet, Ralivia, Supeudol,  
Talwin, Targin, Tramacet, Tridural, Ultram, Zyram XL

Metadol, Metadol-D, Atasol, Codeine Contin, Demerol,  
Dilauidid, Hydromorph Contin, Hydromorphone HCL,  
Hydromorphone HP, Kadian, M.O.S.-SR, M-Eslon, MS  
Contin, MS-IR, Percocet Tablet, Tylenol w/Codeine No.

**PROSTATE ENLARGEMENT**

Avodart, Jalyn, Proscar, Rapaflo, Xatral

Flomax, Cardura, Hytrin

**PSORIASIS THERAPY (NON-TOPICAL)**

Cosentyx, Stelara, Taltz, Enbrel, Enbrel Sureclick, Humira,  
Remicade, Soriatane, Otezla

Neoral, Methotrexate

**PSORIASIS THERAPY (TOPICAL) / DERMATITIS**

Dovonex, Silkis Ointment, Tazorac, Dovobet Gel, Dovobet  
Ointment, Luxiq, Diprolene, Olux-E, Verdeso

Diprosalic Lotion, Diprosalic Ointment, Elocom, Clobex,  
Diprosone, Dermovate, Dermatop, Cyclocort, Topicort,  
Topicort Mild, Elocom, Lidemol, Lidex, Synalar, Halog,  
Aristocort C, Aristocort R, Nerisone, Propaderm

**Non-Formulary Drug****National Formulary Drug Alternative****RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS (DISEASE MODIFYING)**

Actemra, Cimzia, Enbrel, Enbrel Sureclick, Humira, Inflectra, Kineret, Orencia, Remicade, Simponi, Simponi IV, Arava, Xeljanz, Rituxan SC

Salazopyrin, Imuran, Methotrexate, Neoral, Plaquenil, Methotrexate Sodium Injection, Myochrysine, Cuprimine, Metoject

**SEDATIVES (SLEEPING AIDS)**

Imovane, Silenor, Sublinox

Restoril

**STOMACH ACID REDUCERS**

Dexilant, HP-PAC, Losec, Nexium, Pantoloc, Prevacid, Tecta

Sulcrate, Sulcrate Plus, Axicid, Pepcid, Zantac, Pariet

**TESTOSTERONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY**

Androderm, Androgel, Axiron, Delatestryl, Depo-Testosterone, Testim

Andriol

**URINARY INCONTINENCE**

Detrol, Detrol LA, Ditropan XL ER, Enablex, Gelnique, Myrbetriq, Oxytrol, Toviaz, Trosec, Vesicare

Ditropan