

NYRx Brand Less Than Generic Program Update

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

Effective **March 20, 2024**, the following changes will be made to the Dispense Brand Name Drug When Less Expensive Than the Generic Program:

- **Nascobal®** and **Risperdal Consta®** will be **ADDED** to the program.
- **Nesina®**, **Rapamune® solution**, and **Vyvanse® chewable tablet** will be **REMOVED** from the program.

In conformance with State Education Law, a pharmacist shall dispense a less expensive, therapeutically equivalent drug containing the same active ingredients, dosage form, and strength as the drug prescribed/ordered. This includes substituting the brand name drug when NYRx has determined it to be the least expensive alternative for the patient. Brand name drugs included in this program:

- Do not require “Dispense as Written” (DAW) or “Brand Medically Necessary” on the prescription.
- Have a generic copayment.
- Are paid at the Brand Name Drug reimbursement rate or usual and customary price, whichever is lower (SMAC/FUL are not applied).
- Do not require a new prescription if the drug is removed from this program.

Important Billing Information

Pursuant to this program, prescription claims submitted to the Medicaid program **do not require** the submission of a DAW Product Selection Code of “1”; Pharmacies should **submit DAW code 9** (Substitution Allowed by Prescriber but Plan Requests Brand). Pharmacies will receive an NCPDP reject response of “22” which means missing/invalid DAW code if other DAW codes are submitted. The only exception to this is DAW code “1” and “Brand Medically Necessary” on the prescription.

For a complete list, see [NYRx Brand Less Than Generic Drugs](#) on the next page.

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List of Brand Name Drugs included in this program**		
Advair Diskus®	EpiPen, Jr	Renvela® tablet, and powder pack
Advair HFA®	Forteo®	Restasis®
Alphagan P® 0.15%	Glumetza®	Retin-A® cream
Alphagan P® 0.1%	Kazano®	Risperdal Consta®
Amitiza®	Kitabis® Pak	Ritalin LA®
Apriso®	Kombiglyze® XR	Spiriva® Handihaler®
Azopt™	Lialda®	Symbicort®
Bethkis®	Nascobal®	Tegretol® suspension
CellCept® suspension	Nexavar®	Tegretol® XR
Combigan®	NuvaRing®	Trileptal® suspension
Copaxone® 20 mg SQ	Onglyza®	Vascepa®
Daytrana®	Oseni®	Ventolin® HFA
Depakote® Sprinkle	Pentasa®	Votrient®
Dexilant®	Pradaxa®	Vyvanse® capsules
Dymista®	Protonix® suspension	Xopenex HFA®
EpiPen	Pylera®	Zegerid® Rx

* This list is subject to change. For the most recent updates, see the [Brand Less Than Generic Program Updates](#).

* Drugs in this program may be subject to prior authorization requirements of other pharmacy programs.

Resources

- [NYRx Brand Less Than Generic Program](#)
- [NYRx Education & Outreach Website](#)
- [NYRx Preferred Drug List](#)

Contact Information

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