

# NYRx Brand Less Than Generic Program Update

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## What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

Effective **May 29, 2024**, the following changes will be made to the Dispense Brand Name Drug When Less Expensive Than the Generic Program:

- **Carbaglu®**, **Farxiga®**, **Istalol®**, and **Xigduo XR®** will be **ADDED** to the program.
- **Amitiza®**, **Forteo®**, and **Kazano®** 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.

## NYRx Brand Less Than Generic Drugs

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

\* 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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The NYRx Education & Outreach team hosts virtual office hours every week for stakeholders to ask questions related to NYRx and care coordination. Visit the [NYRx Education & Outreach website](#) for more information.