

NYRx Brand Less Than Generic Program Update

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

Effective **August 21, 2025**, the following changes will be made to the Dispense Brand Name Drug When Less Expensive Than the Generic Program:

- **Complera®** will be **ADDED** to the program.
- **Pradaxa®, Sandostatin LAR®, and Sprycel®** 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 less 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.

Prior authorization is **only** available for generics of brand medications if one of the following is met:

- Member is allergic to an **inactive** ingredient in the brand medication
- Brand medication is on a confirmed backorder by the manufacturer
- Member has a better therapeutic outcome with the generic product compared to the brand name product.

The pharmacy should dispense the brand name product and NOT submit a prior authorization request to the provider's office for a generic of a BLTG drug unless one of the above conditions is met.

For a complete list, see [NYRx BLTG Program Brand Name Drugs](#) on the next page.

NYRx BLTG Drugs

NYRx BLTG Program Brand Name Drugs*		
Acular LS™	Daytrana®	Restasis®
Advair Diskus®	Depakote® Sprinkle	Retin-A® cream
Advair HFA®	Dymista®	Risperdal Consta®
Alphagan P® 0.15%	Epipen	Spiriva® HandiHaler®
Alphagan P® 0.1%	Epipen, JR	Symbicort®
Anoro Ellipta®	Farxiga®	Targretin® gel
Apriso®	Forteo®	Tegretol® suspension
Azopt™	Istalol®	Tegretol® tablet
Bethkis®	Kitabis® Pak	Tegretol® XR
Brovana®	Motegrity®	Trileptal® suspension
Carbaglu®	Myrbetriq®	Ventolin® HFA
Carbatrol®	Nexavar®	Victoza®
Cellcept® suspension	Oxtellar XR™	Votrient®
Cipro® oral suspension	Pentasa®	Vyvanse® capsule
Combigan®	Promacta® tablets	Xarelto® 2.5mg tablet
Copaxone® 20mg SQ	Protonix® suspension	Xigduo® XR
Complera®	Pylera®	Zavesca®

* 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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