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Brand Name Products with Bioequivalent Generics

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National Formulary Medical Necessity

Cigna covers Brand Name Products with Bioequivalent Generics [see Table 1 below] as medically necessary when the following criteria is met:

- 1. Approve if the Brand product is being requested due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) [e.g., difference in dyes, fillers, preservatives] between the Brand and the bioequivalent generic product which, per the prescribing physician, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction [documentation required].

Cigna covers Brand Name Products with Bioequivalent Generics [see Table 2 below] as medically necessary when ONE of the following criteria is met (1 or 2):

Compliance with the Affordable Care Act, HRSA Guidelines, and PHS Act section 2713 is NOT required.

- 1. Approve if the Brand product is being requested due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) [e.g., difference in dyes, fillers, preservatives] between the Brand and the bioequivalent

generic product which, per the prescriber, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction **[documentation required]**.

OR

Compliance with the Affordable Care Act, HRSA Guidelines, and PHS Act section 2713 is required.

2. Approve if the individual meets one of the following criteria (i or ii):
 - i. The requested brand non-formulary drug is being prescribed primarily for the prevention of pregnancy AND, according to the prescriber, the brand product is being requested because the preferred bioequivalent generic product would not be as medically appropriate for the individual as the requested brand non-formulary drug; OR
 - ii. The requested brand non-formulary drug is being prescribed for a use OTHER THAN primarily for the prevention of pregnancy AND the Brand product is being requested due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) [e.g., difference in dyes, fillers, preservatives] between the Brand and the bioequivalent generic product which, per the prescriber, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction **[documentation required]**.

Cigna covers the following drug(s) or biologic(s) as medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

- [see [Table 3 below](#) for Product-Specific Exception Criteria]

Approval duration is 12 months unless otherwise noted.

Brands with Bioequivalent Generics

Table 1

| Non-Covered Brand | Bioequivalent Generic |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Abilify | aripiprazole tablets and oral solution |
| Abilify Discmelt | aripiprazole orally disintegrating tablets (ODT) |
| Acanya Gel | benzoyl peroxide 2.5% and clindamycin phosphate 1.2% gel |
| Aciphex | rabeprazole sodium tablets |
| Adcirca | tadalafil tablets |
| Adderall | dextroamphetamine/amphetamine tablets |
| Adderall XR | dextroamphetamine/amphetamine extended-release capsules |
| Afinitor Disperz | everolimus tablets for oral suspension |
| Afinitor tablet | everolimus tablets |
| Alinia tablets | nitazoxanide tablets |
| Ambien | zolpidem tablets |
| Ambien CR | zolpidem extended-release tablets |
| Ampyra | dalfampridine extended-release tablets |
| Androgel | testosterone 1% gel packets and pump, 1.62% (2021) |
| Anusol-HC | hydrocortisone acetate cream |
| Aptensio XR (effective 7/1/23) | methyphenidate hcl extended-release capsules |
| Arimidex | anastrozole tablets |
| Asacol HD | mesalamine 800 mg delayed release tablet |
| Atacand | candesartan cilexetil tablets |
| Atacand HCT | candesartan/hydrochlorothiazide tablets |
| Atralin | tretinoin gel (0.05%) |
| Atripla | efavirenz 600 mg, emtricitabine 200 mg, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg tablets |
| Avalide | irbesartan/hydrochlorothiazide tablets |
| Avapro | irbesartan tablets |
| Avodart | dutasteride capsules |
| Azopt | brinzolamide 1% ophthalmic suspension |

| Non-Covered Brand | Bioequivalent Generic |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| AZOR | amlodipine besylate/olmesartan medoxomil tablets |
| Banzel | rufinamide tablets and oral suspension |
| Baraclude tablets | entecavir tablets |
| Benicar | olmesartan medoxomil tablets |
| Benicar HCT | olmesartan/hydrochlorothiazide tablets |
| Bepreve | bepotastine besilate ophthalmic solution |
| Brisdelle | paroxetine capsules |
| Butrans | buprenorphine transdermal system |
| Bystolic | nebivolol tablets |
| Canasa | mesalamine rectal suppository |
| Celebrex | celecoxib capsules |
| Celexa | citalopram tablets |
| Cialis | tadalafil tablets |
| Clindagel 1% gel | clindamycin 1% gel |
| Colcrys | colchicine tablets |
| Concerta | methylphenidate hcl extended-release tablets |
| Coreg | carvedilol tablet |
| Cosopt/Cosopt PF | dorzolamide 2%/timolol 0.5% ophthalmic solution |
| Cozaar | losartan tablet |
| Crestor | rosuvastatin tablets |
| Cuprimine | penicillamine capsules |
| Cuvposa | glycopyrrolate oral solution |
| Cymbalta | duloxetine HCl capsules |
| Cystadane | betaine trimethylglycine powder for solution |
| Cytomel | liothyronine sodium tablets |
| Daliresp | roflumilast tablets |
| Delzicol | mesalamine delayed-release capsule |
| Detrol | tolterodine tablets |
| Detrol LA | tolterodine, extended-release capsules |
| Diovan | valsartan tablets |
| Diovan HCT | valsartan/hydrochlorothiazide tablets |
| Divigel | estradiol gel 0.1% |
| Doryx 50 mg, 200 mg | doxycycline hyclate delayed-release tablets |
| Duexis | ibuprofen and famotidine tablets |
| Durezol | difluprednate 0.05% ophthalmic emulsion |
| Effexor XR | venlafaxine HCl extended-release capsules |
| Elidel | pimecrolimus cream |
| Emend capsules and Emend Trifold Pack | aprepitant oral capsules |
| Epaned | enalapril maleate powder for oral solution, enalapril maleate oral solution |
| Esbriet tablets | pirfenidone 267 mg tablet and 801 mg tablet |
| Estrace Cream | estradiol cream |
| Evekeo | amphetamine sulfate tablet |
| Exforge | valsartan/amlodipine tablets |
| Exforge HCT | valsartan/amlodipine/hydrochlorothiazide tablets |
| Exjade | deferasirox tablets for oral suspension |
| Focalin and Focalin XR | dexmethylphenidate tablets and extended-release capsules |
| Fosrenol chewable tablets | lanthanum carbonate chewable tablets |
| ganirelix injection | ganirelix acetate injection |
| Gilenya (effective 7/1/23) | fingolimod capsules |
| Gleevec | imatinib tablets |

| Non-Covered Brand | Bioequivalent Generic |
|---|--|
| Hyzaar | losartan/hydrochlorothiazide tablets |
| Imitrex injection | sumatriptan succinate solution for injection (injectable pen/cartridges) |
| Imitrex nasal spray | sumatriptan nasal spray |
| Imitrex tablets | sumatriptan succinate tablets |
| Inderal LA | propranolol HCl capsules |
| Intuniv | guanfacine HCl tablets |
| Istalol | timolol maleate 0.5% ophthalmic solution |
| Jadenu | deferasirox tablets |
| Jadenu Sprinkles | deferasirox oral granules |
| Keppra | levetiracetam tablets and solution |
| Keppra XR | levetiracetam extended-release tablets |
| Kerydin | tavaborole topical solution, 5% |
| Klonopin | clonazepam tablets |
| Lamictal | lamotrigine tablets and chewable tablets |
| Lamictal ODT | lamotrigine oral disintegrating tablets |
| Lamictal XR | lamotrigine extended-release tablets |
| Letairis | ambrisentan tablets |
| Lexapro | escitalopram oxalate tablets and oral solution |
| Lialda | mesalamine delayed-release tablet |
| Lidoderm | lidocaine 5% patch |
| Lipitor | atorvastatin tablets |
| Locoid | hydrocortisone butyrate 0.1% lotion |
| Locoid Lipocream | hydrocortisone butyrate 0.1% cream |
| Lotrel | amlodipine/benazepril capsules |
| Lotronex | alosetron tablets |
| Lovaza | omega-3 acid ethyl esters capsules |
| Lovenox | enoxaparin sodium injection (syringe/vial) |
| Lunesta | eszopiclone tablets |
| Lyrica | pregabalin capsules |
| Lyrica CR | pregabalin controlled-release capsules |
| Maxalt | rizatriptan tablets |
| Maxalt MLT | rizatriptan orally disintegrating tablets |
| Mestinon | pyridostigmine tablet, solution, extended-release tablet |
| Micardis | telmisartan tablets |
| Micardis HCT | telmisartan/hydrochlorothiazide tablets |
| Minivelle | estradiol transdermal patch |
| MoviPrep | PEG-3350, sodium sulfate, sodium chloride, potassium chloride, sodium ascorbate, ascorbic acid |
| Nalfon | fenoprofen capsules |
| Namenda XR | memantine extended-release capsule |
| Natroba | spinosad topical suspension |
| Neurontin | gabapentin tablet, capsule and solution |
| Nexium capsules | esomeprazole delayed-release capsules |
| Nexium packet (granules for oral suspension) 10 mg, 20 mg, 40 mg packet | esomeprazole delayed-release granules for oral suspension (packet) |
| Norvasc | amlodipine tablets |
| Noxafil tablets | posaconazole delayed-release tablets |
| Nuvigil | armodafinil tablets |
| Onfi | clobazam tablets and suspension |
| Oxistat Cream | oxiconazole nitrate cream |
| Pennsaid | diclofenac sodium topical solution 2.0% pump |

| Non-Covered Brand | Bioequivalent Generic |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Percocet | oxycodone/acetaminophen tablets |
| Perforomist | formoterol fumarate inhalation solution |
| Plaquenil | hydroxychloroquine sulfate tablets |
| Plavix | clopidogrel bisulfate tablets |
| Prevacid | lansoprazole delayed-release (DR) capsules |
| Prevacid SoluTab | lansoprazole orally disintegrating tablets |
| Pristiq | desvenlafaxine succinate tablets |
| ProAir HFA | albuterol sulfate inhalation aerosol |
| Protonix | pantoprazole sodium delayed-release (DR) tablets and intravenous (IV) injection |
| Protonix oral suspension | pantoprazole delayed-release oral suspension (granules) |
| Proventil HFA | albuterol sulfate inhalation aerosol |
| Provigil | modafinil tablets |
| Prozac | fluoxetine HCl pulvules |
| Pulmicort | budesonide respules |
| Pyridium | phenazopyridine tablets |
| Ranexa | ranolazine tablets |
| Rapaflo | silosodin capsules |
| Relpax | eletriptan tablets |
| Renagel | sevelamer hydrochloride tablet |
| Retin-A Micro 0.1% & 0.04% gel | tretinoin 0.1% & 0.04% gel |
| Ritalin | methylphenidate tablets |
| Ritalin LA | methylphenidate long-acting capsules |
| Rozerem | ramelteon tablets |
| Sabril | vigabatrin tablets and powder packet |
| Samsca | tolvaptan tablets |
| Saphris | asenapine sublingual tablets |
| Sensipar | cinacalcet tablets |
| Seroquel | quetiapine fumarate tablets |
| Seroquel XR | quetiapine fumarate extended-release tablets |
| Singulair tablets | montelukast sodium tablets, chewable tablets, granules |
| Strattera | atomoxetine HCl capsules |
| Synthroid | levothyroxine tablets |
| Suprep | magnesium sulfate; potassium sulfate; sodium sulfate solution |
| Targretin capsule | bexarotene capsule |
| Tazorac 0.1% cream | tazarotene 0.1% cream |
| Tazorac gel | tazarotene gel 0.05% and 0.1% |
| Tekturna | aliskiren tablets |
| Testim | testosterone gel |
| Thiola | tiopronin tablets |
| Tikosyn | dofetilide capsules |
| TOBI | tobramycin solution for inhalation |
| Topamax | topiramate tablets |
| Topicort spray | desoximetasone spray |
| Toprol XL | metoprolol succinate extended-release tablets |
| Transderm-Scop | scopolamine patches |
| Travatan Z | travoprost 0.004% ophthalmic solution (benzalkonium chloride-free) |
| Tribenzor | olmesartan/amlodipine/hydrochlorothiazide tablets |
| Tricor | fenofibrate tablets |
| Trileptal | oxcarbazepine tablets and suspension |
| Truvada | emtricitabine/ tenofovir tablets |
| Uloric | febuxostat tablets |

| Non-Covered Brand | Bioequivalent Generic |
|---|---|
| Uroxatral | alfuzosin tablets |
| Vagifem | estradiol vaginal tablet |
| Valium | diazepam tablets |
| Valtrex | valacyclovir HCl caplets |
| Vanos | fluocinonide 0.1% cream |
| Vesicare | solifenacin succinate tablets |
| Viagra | sildenafil tablets |
| Viiibryd (non- starter pack) 10 mg, 20 mg, 40 mg | vilazodone tablets |
| Vimovo | naproxen and esomeprazole magnesium delayed-release tablets |
| Vimpat | lacosamide tablets and oral solution |
| Vivelle-Dot | estradiol transdermal patch |
| Vytorin | ezetimibe/simvastatin tablets |
| Welchol packets and tablets | colesevelam packets and tablets |
| Wellbutrin SR | bupropion HCl tablets |
| Wellbutrin XL | bupropion XL tablets |
| Xalatan | latanoprost 0.005% ophthalmic solution |
| Xanax | alprazolam tablets |
| Xanax XR | alprazolam intended-release tablets |
| Xenazine | tetrabenazine tablets |
| Zetia | ezetimibe tablets |
| Zipsor | diclofenac potassium capsule |
| Zocor | simvastatin tablets |
| Zoloft | sertraline HCl tablets and oral solution |
| Zomig | zolmitriptan tablets |
| Zonegran | zonisamide capsule |
| Zovirax ointment | acyclovir 5% ointment |
| Zytiga 250mg and 500mg tablets | abiraterone acetate tablets |

Table 2

| Non-Covered Brand | Bioequivalent Generic |
|--------------------------|---|
| Generess FE | norethindrone - ethinyl estradiol -iron chewable tablets |
| Loestrin and Loestrin FE | ethinyl estradiol/norethindrone and ferrous fumarate tablets |
| Loseasonique | levonorgestrel/ethinyl estradiol and ethinyl estradiol tablets |
| Minastrin 24 FE | norethindrone - ethinyl estradiol - iron chewable tablets |
| Mircette | desogestrel - ethinyl estradiol and ethinyl estradiol tablets |
| NuvaRing | etonogestrel/ethinyl estradiol vaginal ring |
| Quartette | levonorgestrel-ethinyl estradiol and ethinyl estradiol tablets |
| Safyral | drospirenone/ethinyl estradiol-levomefolate tablets |
| Seasonique | levonorgestrel-ethinyl estradiol and ethinyl estradiol tablets |
| Taytulla | norethindrone and ethinyl estradiol and ferrous fumarate capsules |
| Yasmin | ethinyl estradiol/ drospirenone tablets |

Table 3 – Product-Specific Exception Criteria

| Non-Covered Product | Bioequivalent Generic | Exception Criteria |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Zavesca | miglustat capsules | See standard <i>Gaucher Disease – Substrate Reduction Therapy Preferred Specialty Management Policy</i> criteria |

Conditions Not Covered

Any other exception is considered not medically necessary.

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