

# IS YOUR PRESCRIPTION **FREE** THROUGH RIVERVIEW?

You are likely familiar with the terms “generic” and “brand name” prescription drugs. But do you know what a drug formulary is? Like a generic drug, it can also save you money.

The Riverview Westfield Employer Clinic is now offering a prescription drug formulary to maximize the effectiveness of its pharmacy benefits program.

## **WHAT'S A FORMULARY?**

A formulary is a preferred drug list. The drugs on the formulary have been evaluated and researched for safety and effectiveness, and are the most cost-effective versions of commonly prescribed medications. By using a single set of prescribed medications for most routine treatments, Riverview can now provide high quality care and keep costs as low as possible.

Here is some helpful information about a drug formulary:

- It is a comprehensive list of drugs expected to meet the needs of most patients.
- It is used as a way to provide cost-effective prescription drugs to members.
- It consists of both brand and generic drugs that have been approved by the health plan's panel of physicians and pharmacists.
- It enhances the quality of medical care by identifying the best medicines from among the thousands available. It is also a tool to address skyrocketing prescription drug costs.
- Formulary drugs are chosen for their safety, effectiveness, quality and cost.

## **GENERIC DRUGS AND WHAT THAT MEANS**

Some people think that generic versions of their prescription drugs are inferior, but the FDA requires that generic drugs meet the same standards as their brand name counterparts.

The difference between the two involves the research, development and marketing investment that went into the original brand name product. When “generic equivalents” become available, they have the same active ingredients and chemical purity as the brand-name drugs they imitate. Other ingredients such as tablet fillers, binders, coatings or flavors may differ. Because their development costs are less, generic drugs are often priced substantially lower.

When you receive a prescription from your doctor, ask if a generic equivalent is available. Many health plans charge a lower copay for patients who choose generics.

**REMEMBER!** To be eligible to fill prescriptions at a Riverview pharmacy your prescriptions have to be written by a Riverview physician.



Brand Name is listed for your convenience when comparing drugs. Generic alternatives are available for free.

Antibiotics/Antifungals/Antivirals		Brand Name
Amoxicillin	Bacterial Infection	Amoxil
Amox-Clav	Bacterial Infection	Augmentin
Azithromycin	Bacterial Infection	Zithromax
Cefdinir	Bacterial Infection	Omnicef
Cephalexin	Bacterial Infection	Keflex
Ciprofloxacin	Bacterial Infection	Cipro
Clindamycin	Bacterial Infection	Cleocin
Doxycycline (no delayed release)	Bacterial Infection	Adoxa
Nitrofurantoin	Bacterial Infection	Macrobid
Sulfamethoxazole/Trimethoprim	Bacterial Infection	Bactrim
Fluconazole	Fungal Infection	Diflucan
Acyclovir	Viral Infection	Zovirax
Valacyclovir	Viral Infection	Valtrex

Cholesterol		Brand Name
Atorvastatin	Statin	Lipitor
Pravastatin	Statin	Pravachol
Simvastatin	Statin	Zocor
Rosuvastatin	Statin	Crestor
Fenofibrate (excluding 48mg and 145mg)	Fibric Acid	Lofibra

Gastrointestinal		Brand Name
Omeprazole	Proton Pump Inhibitor	Prilosec
Pantoprazole	Proton Pump Inhibitor	Protonix
Ranitidine	H2 Blocker	Zantac
Esomeprazole	Proton Pump Inhibitor	Nexium

Blood Pressure		Brand Name
Amlodipine	Calcium Ch. Blocker	Norvasc
Atenolol	Beta blocker	Tenormin
Chlorthalidone	Diuretic	Thalitone
Hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ)	Diuretic	Microzide
Lisinopril	ACE-Inhibitor	Zestril
Lisinopril/HCTZ	ACE-Inhibitor + Diuretic	Zestoretic
Losartan	ARB	Cozaar
Losartan/HCTZ	ARB	Hyzaar
Metoprolol tartrate	Beta blocker	Lopressor
Metoprolol SUCC ER	Beta blocker	Toprol XL
Triamterene/HCTZ	Diuretic Combo	Dyazide, Maxzide
Valsartan	ARB	Diovan

Other		Brand Name
Prednisone	Steroid	Deltasone
Epinephrine injection	Allergic reaction	Epipen
Methylprednisolone	Steroid	Medrol
Topiramate	Antiepileptic	Topamax
Preplus	Prenatal Vitamin	Niva-Plus
Terbinafine	Antifungal	Lamisil
Cyclobenzaprine	Muscle Relaxant	Flexeril
Ondansetron	Anti-emetic	Zofran
Polyethylene glycol	Laxative	Miralax

Asthma		Brand Name
Albuterol nebulas and inhalers	Bronchospasm	Proair, Ventolin, Proventil
Montelukast	Allergic asthma	Singulair
Fluticasone/Salmeterol inhaler	Lung Inflammation	Airduo
Spacer Chamber		
Peak Flow Meter		

Allergies		Brand Name
Cetirizine	Antihistamine	Zyrtec
Fexofenadine	Antihistamine	Allegra
Loratadine	Antihistamine	Claritin
Fluticasone Nasal Spray	Nasal Steroid	Flonase
Ketotifen eye drops	Antihistamine	Zaditor

Diabetes		Brand Name
Metformin (excluding ER 1000mg)	Antihyperglycemic	Glucophage
Glipizide IR/ER	Antihyperglycemic	Glucotrol
Wavsense Meter, Test Strips, Lancets	Testing supplies	

Cough		Brand Name
Benzonatate	Cough Suppressant	Tessalon

Mood		Brand Name
Buspirone	Antidepressant	Buspar
Citalopram	Antidepressant	Celexa
Escitalopram	Antidepressant	Lexapro
Fluoxetine	Antidepressant	Prozac
Paroxetine	Antidepressant	Paxil
Sertraline	Antidepressant	Zoloft
Bupropion XL	Antidepressant	Wellbutrin
Trazodone	Antidepressant	Desyrel
Venlafaxine IR tablets/ER capsules	Antidepressant	Effexor

Pain		Brand Name
Meloxicam	NSAID	Mobic
Naproxen	NSAID	Naprosyn
Diclofenac sodium	NSAID	Voltaren

Topicals		Brand Name
Hydrocortisone Cream	Steroid	Hycort
Triamcinolone Cream	Steroid	Kenalog
Adapalene 0.1% Gel	Acne	Differin
Mupirocin Ointment (not cream)	Antibiotic	Bactroban
Nystatin	Antifungal	Nystex
Ketoconazole	Antifungal	Nizoral

Thyroid		Brand Name
Levothyroxine	Thyroid hormone	Levoxyil
Synthroid	Thyroid hormone	Synthroid