



Kroger
Prescription
Plans

OTC Alternative Drug List

Effective January 1, 2024

The medications shown below may not be covered under your prescription drug benefit plan. Please note that product placement on this list was selected based on availability of alternatives that are approved for use over the counter (OTC). The list below is not a complete list of all products considered excluded drugs by Kroger Prescription Plans. For specific questions about your coverage, please call the number on your member ID card.

Take action to reduce your out-of-pocket expenses. You can still purchase the medications below, but you may be responsible for the full cost. You may save money by choosing to purchase a product with the same active ingredient that is available over the counter (OTC). Before making any changes to your current medication regimen, talk to your doctor about what is right for you. You may also consider using Health Savings Account (HSA) funds to pay for these medications.

Excluded Drug Category	Prescription Product Examples	OTC Alternative Examples
Nasal Anti-Inflammatory Steroids	Fluticasone (Flonase) Triamcinolone (Nasacort) Mometasone (Nasonex) Flunisolide (Nasalide) Budesonide (Rhinocort)	Fluticasone (Flonase) Triamcinolone (Nasacort) Budesonide (Rhinocort)
Antihistamine Eye Drops	Olopatadine (Pazeo) Azelastine (Optivar) Bepotastine (Bepreve) Epinastine (Elestat)	Ketotifen (Alaway) Ketotifen (Claritin Eye) Ketotifen (Zaditor) Olopatadine (Pataday) Other Store Brand Antihistamine Eye Drops
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Pantoprazole (Protonix) Omeprazole (Pantoprazole) Esomeprazole (Nexium) Rabeprazole (Aciphex) Dexlansoprazole (Dexilant) Lansoprazole (Prevacid)	Omeprazole (Prilosec OTC) Esomeprazole (Nexium OTC) Lansoprazole (Prevacid OTC)
Vaginal Disorders	Miconazole Vaginal Gel (Miconazole 3) Terconazole Vaginal Gel (Terazol 3) Butoconazole Vaginal Gel (Gynazole 1)	Miconazole Vaginal Gel (Monistat) Tioconazole Vaginal Gel (Vagistat) Clotrimazole Vaginal Gel (Gyne-Lotrimin)
Histamine H2-receptor Inhibitors (Acid Reducers)	Cimetidine Famotidine (Pepcid) Ranitidine (Zantac) Nizatidine (Axid)	Cimetidine (Tagamet HB) Famotidine (Calmicid, Fluxid, Pepcid AC) Nizatidine (Axid, Axid AR)
Acne Products	Adapalene (Differin) Tretinoin (Retin-A, Retin-A Microspheres)	Adapalene (Differin)

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Topical Anti-Inflammatory Agents	Diclofenac Topicals (Voltaren, Flector) Ketoprofen Topicals (Frotek)	Diclofenac Gel (Voltaren)
Mast Cell Stabilizer (Allergy) Eye Drops	Cromolyn (Crolom) Nedocromil (Alocril) Lodoxamide (Alomide)	Ketotifen (Alaway) Ketotifen (Claritin Eye) Ketotifen (Zaditor) Olopatadine (Pataday) Other Store Brand Allergy Eye Drops
Second-Generation Antihistamines	Cetirizine (Zyrtec) Levocetirizine (Xyzal) Loratadine (Claritin) Desloratadine (Clarinex) Fexofenadine (Allegra)	Cetirizine (Zyrtec) Levocetirizine (Xyzal) Loratadine (Claritin) Desloratadine (Clarinex) Fexofenadine (Allegra)