

Hot Tip: Allergies

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Your Wellpoint DC enrollees may experience a pharmacy claim rejection when prescribed nonpreferred products. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible. Utilization management edits may apply to select preferred products. Coverage should be verified by reviewing the *Preferred Drug List (PDL)* on the Wellpoint DC provider website. The *PDL* is subject to change quarterly.

Therapeutic class	Nonpreferred products	Preferred products
Allergies	Zyrtec/Zyrtec D <i>Generic name: Cetirizine/Cetirizine D</i>¹ Xyzal <i>Generic name: Levocetirizine</i>¹ Clarinet <i>Generic name: Desloratadine</i>¹	Over-the-counter (OTC) Fexofenadine/Fexofenadine-D <i>Brand name: Allegra/Allegra D</i> OTC Loratadine, Loratadine/Pseudoephedrine <i>Brand name: OTC Claritin/Claritin D</i>
Allergies	Flonase Nasal Spray <i>Generic name: Fluticasone Nasal</i>¹ Nasacort <i>Generic name: Triamcinolone</i> Nasonex <i>Generic name: Mometasone</i>¹	OTC Fluticasone Nasal Allergy Relief OTC Triamcinolone Acetonide Nasal Relief OTC Rhinocort Nasal Spray OTC Budesonide Nasal Spray
Allergies	Patanol 0.1% Eye Drops <i>Generic name: Olopatadine</i>¹ Pataday 0.2% Eye Drops <i>Generic name: Olopatadine</i>¹ Alocril 2% Eye Drops Alomide 0.1% Eye Drops Bepreve 1.5% Eye Drops Emadine 0.5% Eye Drops	OTC Allergy Eye Drops, Ketotifen 0.025% <i>Brand name: OTC Zaditor</i> OTC Alaway Eye Drops, Ketotifen 0.025% Epinastine 0.05% Eye Drops <i>Brand name: Elestat</i> Azelastine 0.05% Eye Drops Cromolyn 4% Eye Drops

	Lastacaft 0.25% Eye Drops Pazeo 0.7% Eye Drops	OTC Olopatadine Eye Drops all strengths OTC Pataday 0.1%, 0.2% Drops OTC Pataday extra strength 0.7% drops
¹ Neither brand nor generic formulations are covered.		

If you have questions regarding this *Hot Tip*, call Provider Services at **800-454-3730**. The *PDL* is available at <https://provider.wellpoint.com/DC>.