

## Affordable Care Act (ACA) Medication List

The Affordable Care Act (ACA), commonly known as health care reform, was signed into federal law in 2010. The ACA requires that certain health plans make benefit changes in order to maintain compliance.

### Coverage of Preventive Medications

Under the ACA, certain health plans are required to cover recommended preventive services and medications without charging a copayment, coinsurance or deductible. The State Health Plan, in consultation with Express Scripts, the prescription benefit manager for the Plan, has developed a list of medications and criteria (i.e., gender and age) to support preventive medication requirements based on the recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to be covered under the pharmacy benefit.

Effective January 1, 2016, the Plan will provide medications in the drug categories listed below at no-cost share specific to age and gender requirements of the ACA for the Enhanced 80/20 Plan and Consumer-Directed Health Plan (CDHP). All medications will require a prescription.

Drug or Drug Category	Criteria
Aspirin (to prevent cardiovascular events and preeclampsia) – Generic OTC 81 mg and 325mg	Men ages 45 to 79 years and women up to 79 years of age
Bowel preparation for colonoscopy screening – Generic and brand (if a generic is not available) prescription and OTC preparations	Men and women ages 49 to 76 years Two prescriptions in 12 months
Fluoride – Generic OTC and prescription products 0.25 – 0.5mg per dose	Children older than 6 months of age through 5 years old
Folic Acid – Generic OTC and prescription products 0.4 – 0.8 mg	Women through age 50 years
Iron Supplements – Generic OTC and prescriptions products	Children ages 6 to 12 months who are at risk for iron deficiency anemia
Primary Prevention of Breast Cancer – Generic tamoxifen, generic raloxifene, and brand Soltamox (tamoxifen oral solution)	Asymptomatic women $\geq 35$ years who meet authorization criteria
Tobacco Cessation – Generic OTC patches, gum, and lozenges Prescription generic extended-release bupropion 12 hour and brand Chantix (varenicline)	Members $\geq 18$ years OTC product coverage for members who enroll in the QuitlineNC multi-call program and do not have a medical exclusion Chantix limited to a 6 month supply in 12 months
Vitamin D – Generic OTC and prescription Vitamin D2 or D3 products containing 1,000 IU or less per dosage form	Men and Women ages $\geq 65$ who are at increased risk for falls
Women's contraception coverage 1) Barrier contraception – i.e. caps, diaphragms 2) Hormonal contraception (generic and select brands if a generic is not available) – oral, transdermal, intravaginal, injectable 3) Emergency contraception 4) Implantable medications 5) Intrauterine contraception 6) OTC contraceptives (with a prescription)	Women through age 50

The government guidelines are updated periodically to reflect new scientific and medical advances, so this list may be subject to change.