



Common Drugs	VA Preferred Brand (Generic)
Avandia®	Actos® (pioglitazone) Other Diabetes Medications
Allegra® Zyrtec®	Claritin® (loratadine)
Ambien®	zolpidem
Aricept® Exelon®	Razadyne® ER (galantamine)
Flomax®	Hytrin® (terazosin) Cardura® (doxazosin)
Flonase®	Nasarel® (flunisolide)
Flovent®	Asmanex® (mometasone)
Imitrex®	Zomig® (zolmitriptan)
Lantus®	NPH Insulin
Lexapro®	Celexa® (citalopram) Prozac® (fluoxetine) Zoloft® (sertraline)
Lipitor®	Zocor® (simvastatin)
Plendil®	Norvasc® (amlodipine)
Lescol® XL	Pravachol® (pravastatin)
Prevacid® Nexium® Protonix® Aciphex®	Prilosec® (omeprazole) Zantac® (ranitidine)
Viagra®	Levitra® (vardenafil)
Wellbutrin® XL	Wellbutrin® SR (bupropion SA)
Xalatan®	Travatan® (travaprost)
Xopenex®	Proventil® (albuterol)

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North Texas VHCS

Dallas:

Toll Free: 1-800-849-3597*

Commercial: 214-742-8387

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Toll Free: 1-800-443-9672*

Commercial: 817-335-2202

Bonham:

Toll Free: 1-800-924-8387*

Commercial: 903-583-2111

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Central Texas VHCS

Toll Free: 1-800-423-2111*

Option #4

Commercial: 254-778-4811

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South Texas VHCS

Toll Free: 1-800-209-7377*

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* Numbers are Toll Free in Texas only



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VA DRUG POLICY

The policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is to provide complete medical care for all veteran patients. Patients may only be prescribed drugs for conditions or problems that are treated and followed by a VA doctor.

Medications may have side effects or may interact with other medicines you are taking. For these reasons, VA doctors need to know all of the drugs (prescription and over-the-counter) that you are taking.

Many medications also require close monitoring. For your safety, it is important to keep all appointments for doctor visits and lab work.

You will receive most of your drugs through the mail. Service connected drugs do not have a copay. For most other drugs you will owe a copay of \$8 per month.

Go to our website and click on "Outpatient Prescription Copay" for complete copay information and factors that change your copay on drugs.

www.va.gov/healtheligibility/costs

VETERAN RESPONSIBILITIES

Veterans, in order for VA to provide you with the best possible care, we ask that you:

- ✓ Inform your outside doctors of care being provided at the VA.
- ✓ Provide your VA doctor with the name and address of all outside doctors who you are seeing.
- ✓ Obtain all necessary records and documentation from outside doctors to include in your VA records.
- ✓ Inform your VA doctors of all medications and supplements you take.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q *Can the VA doctor just rewrite my prescriptions from my private doctor?*

A No. It is not legal or safe for a doctor to rewrite a prescription without review of your records and examining you for the problem. The doctor who writes a prescription is responsible for the drug, its side effects, and the medical problem being treated.



Q *What if I am admitted to an outside hospital and my medications are changed?*

A VA doctors cannot safely prescribe the new medications for you until they have seen the medical reports. You must get a copy of these reports from the outside hospital when you are discharged and consult with your VA doctor.

Q *Will the VA have all my medications?*

A VA has a complete drug formulary for all your medication needs. VA doctors may replace some of your drugs with medications that work the same way and are on the VA National Formulary.

(See back of page for examples.)

