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## Blue Cross Offers GenericSelect Program

Blue Cross has expanded its GenericSelect drug discount program. The purpose of the program is to offer effective, affordable choices for prescription medications. The GenericSelect program will

- Waive your drug copayment of the first 30-day fill of the GenericSelect prescription at a network retail pharmacy, then
- Waive the drug copayment on your first GenericSelect mail-order prescription filled through PrecisionRx after you have filled the prescription at a network retail pharmacy.

According to Blue Cross, generic drugs are identical to their brand name equivalents in strength, quality, and performance. And, generics have to meet strict safety, purity, and performance standards governed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

GenericSelect drugs are available in the therapeutic classes of drugs that contribute to over 50% of total pharmacy costs. The chart below shows the current list of Blue Cross GenericSelect drugs.

For questions about the expanded GenericSelect program, please contact Blue Cross Customer Service at (866) 274-6825.

### GenericSelect Program

GenericSelect Drug	Equivalent Brand	Other Brands	Commonly Used For
Fluoxetine*	Prozac	Celexa, Lexapro*, Paxil CR*, Zoloft	Depression
Lavastatin*	Mevacor	Crestor, Lescol, Lipitor*, Pravachol, Zocor	High Cholesterol
Ranitidine Tablets*	Zantac Tablets	AcipHex*, Nexium, Prevacid*, Prilosec, Protinix	Acid Reflux
Lisinopril*	Zestril, Prinivil	Atacand, Avapro, Benicar, Cozaar*, Diovan*, Micardis, Norvasc*, Teveten	High Blood Pressure
Atenolol*	Tenormin		
Metoprolol*	Lopressor		
Hydrochlorothiazide*	Oretic		
Chlorthalidone*	Hygroton		
Metformin*	Glucophage	Actos*, Avandia*	Diabetes
Glyburide*	Micronase, Diabeta		
Glipizide*	Glucotrol		
Ibuprofen*	Motrin	Bextra, Celebrex	Arthritis Pain
Naproxen * Formulary Drug	Naprosyn		

*Note Like Your Job Depends On It!  
November 2 is Election Day*

*Sal Sarmiento (RPE) phone banks for M at the MTA office.*

*The California Teachers Association recommends  
John Kerry & John Edwards,  
President & Vice President  
Barbara Boxer, US Senate  
Yes on Propositions 63 & 72*

## Jury Duty May Be

### Postponed Not Cancelled

Many Bargaining Unit members have reported an increased interest by the courts for participation in jury duty. The MTA-MUSD Contract provides no pay for jury duty. Human Resources will provide letters to employees regarding the District's policy regarding jury duty leaves.

The courts will allow school personnel to postpone jury duty until breaks such as summer, winter, spring, or off-track. Personal business leave may be used for jury duty. However, a limit of nine days of current sick leave may be used for this purpose.

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