

ProviderAlert

To: Select Health Providers

Date: July 31, 2026

Subject: Pharmacy Update: Preferred Generic Medications

Summary: Effective **August 1, 2026**, select brand-name medications will become non-preferred, and their generic equivalents will become preferred on the South Carolina Single Preferred Drug List (sPDL).

South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid periodically updates preferred medications under the [South Carolina Single Preferred Drug List \(sPDL\)](#). Beginning **August 1, 2026**, preferred generic equivalents should be prescribed when clinically appropriate. This will help support timely pharmacy processing and continued member access to appropriate medications.

What you need to know

- The brand-name medications listed below are now non-preferred on the South Carolina Medicaid sPDL, and their corresponding generic equivalents are now preferred.

Brand Name No Longer Preferred	Preferred Generic Equivalent
Banzel® Tablet	Rufinamide oral tablet
Suboxone® Film	Buprenorphine HCl-naloxone HCl sublingual film
Tegretol® XR	Carbamazepine ER oral tablet
Trileptal® Suspension	Oxcarbazepine oral suspension
Vyvanse® Chewable	Lisdexamfetamine dimesylate chewable tablet

How providers can support members

Your partnership helps members continue their treatment with fewer interruptions. To support this transition, providers are encouraged to take the following steps:

- Review** members currently prescribed one of the brand-name medications listed above.
- Prescribe** the preferred generic equivalent, when clinically appropriate.
- Let members know** their medication may look different, but the intended course of treatment remains the same.

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping Select Health members receive safe, coordinated, and timely access to appropriate medications.

For the most current sPDL, please visit the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid website at <https://southcarolina.fhsc.com/providers/pdl.asp>.