



How to Ensure Your Son Has Access to EMFLAZA® (deflazacort)

Understanding Dispense as Written (DAW)

What is DAW?

When a generic version of a medication becomes available, pharmacies have the option to provide either the generic or the branded medication. DAW codes are used by healthcare providers to indicate when the pharmacy is allowed to substitute a branded product for the generic version. When a healthcare provider says “dispense as written” on a prescription, it means the pharmacist should give you the medication the way the doctor wrote it, without any changes.

How does the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ensure generic medicines work the same as brand-name medicines?

A generic drug is a medication that's created to be the same as a brand-name drug. **Generics and their branded counterparts can have some differences, such as different inactive ingredients.** For example, a research study comparing generics with brand-name drugs, found that there were differences (approximately 3.5%) in absorption into the body. This amount of difference can vary between medications. Some generics are absorbed more, while others are absorbed less. This is expected and clinically acceptable.

Why should you ask your son's healthcare provider to request branded EMFLAZA using DAW?

EMFLAZA is available for patients aged 2 years and older. This means your son can stay on treatment for as long as he needs, which can help with limiting interruptions in his plan and sticking to the process you are comfortable with. **Eligible patients can receive financial assistance and copay support via [PTC Cares programs](#).**

My son's healthcare provider requested EMFLAZA, why did I receive the generic?

Many insurance companies often mandate using generics because they believe they are more affordable. Some insurance companies use DAW penalties to steer providers or caregivers toward lower cost generic drugs. However, this may not always be the case as some generics could have a higher copay burden to patients. Therefore, if your son receives a generic medication, you should talk to your son's healthcare provider about using DAW to receive branded EMFLAZA.

How do DAW products and generics differ in terms of patient education and support?

Not all generic manufacturers offer patient assistance programs such as case management support and copay assistance. However, some larger generic companies could offer similar services. For example, some generic manufacturers offer benefits verification, coverage determination, and copay assistance. The level of support and quality from generic manufacturers will vary.

How can I make sure my son gets EMFLAZA under DAW?

You can ask your pharmacist to provide EMFLAZA instead of generic deflazacort. Your pharmacist will request EMFLAZA using DAW code 2 (substitution allowed). DAW code 2 is used when generic substitution is available, but the patient prefers the brand name version. This means a patient or caregiver can request a certain product while at the pharmacy. However, the patient will be responsible for the cost of the brand. DAW code 1 (physician request) is also an option if the healthcare provider believes the branded treatment is needed.

Meet with your PTC Cares Case Manager

They can help you understand the DAW process and ways to maintain your son's EMFLAZA prescription.

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