

# Low-Cost Generic Program

With the Low-Cost Generic Program\*, you may have a lower copay for certain generic drugs that are typically used to treat chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, heart failure, and depression. Ask your doctor if one of these drugs might be right for you.

- Alendronate sodium
- Alprazolam
- Amlodipine besylate
- Amoxicillin
- Atenolol
- Atorvastatin
- Benzonatate
- Carvedilol
- Ciprofloxacin HCl
- Citalopram
- Clonidine HCl
- Cyclobenzaprine HCl
- Donepezil
- Escitalopram
- Fluconazole
- Fluocinonide
- Fluoxetine
- Furosemide
- Glipizide
- Hydrochlorothiazide
- Hydrocortisone cream & ointment
- Ibuprofen
- Lisinopril
- Lisinopril & hydrochlorothiazide
- Lithium
- Lorazepam tablet
- Losartan
- Meclizine
- Meloxicam
- Metformin HCl
- Metoprolol tartrate
- Metronidazole
- Montelukast
- Naproxen
- Nitrofurantoin
- Ondansetron HCl
- Prednisolone
- Risperidone
- Sertraline HCl
- Sildenafil
- Simvastatin
- Tobramycin
- Tramadol HCl
- Triamcinolone cream
- Vitamin D 1.25 mg (50,000 unit)
- Zolpidem tartrate

## Frequently asked questions

### What's the difference between a brand-name drug and a generic equivalent drug?

According to the Food and Drug Administration, generic drugs are the same as their brand-name equivalents in active ingredients, dosage, safety, strength, and performance. They are held to the same strict standards as their brand-name counterparts. The only noticeable difference between a generic drug and its brand-name counterpart may be the shape and/or color of the drug. While generic drugs are just as effective as the corresponding brand-name drugs, they typically cost up to 70 percent less, which helps control health care costs. The generic option is always the lowest cost to you under your prescription drug benefits.

### What if my drug is not available in generic form?

Even if your drug is not yet available in generic form, there may be a generic drug that could work just as well for you. If you are taking a brand-name drug, you may want to talk to your doctor about which generic drugs could treat your condition.

When a brand-name drug is protected under patent, a generic equivalent cannot be made. During this patent protection time, in the interests of saving money and maintaining optimal health, many members and doctors will discuss the option of substituting a generic therapeutic alternative. A therapeutic alternative is actually the generic equivalent for a different brand-name drug and treats the condition using a different active ingredient. For most members, these substitutions work just as effectively.

### What should I ask my doctor?

Would one of these generic drugs be a good option for me, and could it treat my condition in the same way? What other brand-name drugs am I taking that could be replaced with generics?

### Why are some generic drugs on the Low-Cost Generic Program list and others are not?

The drugs included in the Low-Cost Generic Program were chosen because they can treat a variety of chronic conditions.

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