



Q&A: Prescription Drug List

What is a prescription drug list?

Your prescription drug benefit plan is based on a drug list. It is a list of drugs routinely reviewed and chosen based on the recommendations of a group of people from throughout the country who hold a medical or pharmacy degree. U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved drugs are selected based on their safety, cost and how well they work.

The Enhanced Drug List is a smaller version of the Basic Drug List. It has mostly generic and select preferred brand drugs.

The Balanced Drug List, Performance Drug List, Performance Full Drug List, Performance Select Drug List, Balanced Biosimilar Drug List, Performance Select Biosimilar Drug List, Performance Biosimilar Drug List and 2026 Drug List (for Metallic plans) show all covered drugs.

Major drug classes are covered on all drug lists. To learn more about your drug list, please call the number on your ID card.

Why should I use the drug list?

Your prescription drug list has many levels of coverage, called tiers. Each tier has its own cost. As a rule, your copay/coinsurance amount will be less for covered drugs in the lower tier. For example, the cost for preferred brand drugs is often lower than for non-preferred brand drugs.

If your benefits are based on the Basic or Enhanced Drug List, most medicines may be covered that are not on the drug list, but you may pay more out of pocket. If your benefits are based on the Balanced Drug List, Performance Drug List, Performance Full Drug List, Performance Select Drug List, Balanced Biosimilar Drug List, Performance Select Biosimilar Drug List, Performance Biosimilar Drug List or 2026 Drug List (for Metallic plans), medicines that are not shown on these drug lists are not covered. You will need to pay for the full cost of the medicine.

The drug list is a source for your health care provider when prescribing medicines. But it is up to you and your provider to decide the medicine that is best for you.

Why use generic drugs?

Generics are medicines that are safe and work just as well as a brand drug. Generics often cost less than a brand drug. A generic can usually be substituted for a brand drug if it has the same active ingredients, the same strength and dosage and gives the same results. Talk to your provider or pharmacist to find out if a generic drug is right for you.

How do I know if a drug is on the drug list and what my cost will be?

The other side of this flyer lists some commonly prescribed generic and preferred brand drugs. If a drug you are looking for is not on this flyer, search the full drug list at bcbsil.com/prescription-drugs/managing-prescriptions/drug-lists or call customer service at the number on your member ID card.

How much you may pay out of pocket will be based on your plan benefits and what tier the drug is on your drug list. To find out what you will pay, log in to your online member account at bcbsil.com, use the BCBSIL App or call customer service at the number on your member ID card.

Please note: Drugs that call for a provider to give them to you (often in a hospital, doctor's office or other health care setting) may be covered under your health plan's medical benefit instead of your pharmacy benefits. These drugs are not on the drug list. If you have questions about these drugs, please call customer service at the number on your member ID card.

What are dispensing limits?

Some drugs listed on the drug list may have additional requirements, or extra steps to take before getting your prescription filled. One of those requirements is dispensing limits. This means you may only be able to get a certain amount of your drug at one time. For example, the irritable bowel syndrome drug Trulance® (plecanatide) can only be filled as 30 tablets per 30 days because the FDA-approved labeling recommends the dose of one 3 mg tablet taken daily by mouth.

What if I have questions?

Call customer service at the number on your ID card, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or visit bcbsil.com.

July 2026 Commonly Prescribed Drugs

This list is a sample of commonly prescribed generic and preferred brand drugs. The full and up-to-date prescription drug lists are posted at bcbasil.com/prescription-drugs/managing-prescriptions/drug-lists. The online drug lists may be updated monthly, quarterly or annually, based on your prescription drug benefit plan. The drug list may show medicines not covered under your prescription drug benefit plan. Also, prescription versions of over-the-counter medicines may not be covered based on your plan. If you have questions about your benefits, call the number on your ID card.

ANTIHYPERTENSIVES

Angiotensin Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitors and Combinations

benazepril hcl tab
enalapril maleate tab
enalapril maleate-hydrochlorothiazide tab
fosinopril sodium tab
lisinopril tab
lisinopril-hydrochlorothiazide tab
quinapril hcl tab
ramipril cap
trandolapril tab

Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonist (ARBs) and Combinations

candesartan cilexetil tab
candesartan cilexetil-hydrochlorothiazide tab
irbesartan tab
irbesartan-hydrochlorothiazide tab
losartan potassium tab
losartan potassium-hydrochlorothiazide tab
olmesartan medoxomil tab
olmesartan medoxomil hydrochlorothiazide tab
telmisartan tab
valsartan tab
valsartan-hydrochlorothiazide tab

Beta Blockers and Combinations

atenolol tab
atenolol-chlorthalidone tab
bisoprolol fumarate tab
bisoprolol-hydrochlorothiazide tab
carvedilol tab
labetalol hcl tab
metoprolol succinate tab
metoprolol tartrate tab
nebivolol hcl tab
propranolol hcl tab
sotalol hcl tab

Calcium Channel Blockers and Combinations

amlodipine besylate tab
amlodipine besylate-benazepril hcl cap
diltiazem hcl tab
felodipine tab er 24hr
nifedipine tab er 24hr osmotic release
verapamil hcl tab

Other Antihypertensives

clonidine hcl tab
doxazosin mesylate tab
hydralazine hcl tab
minoxidil tab
prazosin hcl cap
terazosin hcl cap

ASTHMA/COPD

ADVAIR HFA
albuterol sulfate
albuterol sulfate HFA/nebs
ANORO ELLIPTA
ARNUITY ELLIPTA
ASMANEX HFA
ASMANEX TWISTHALER
BREO ELLIPTA
BREZTRI AEROSPHERE
COMBIVENT RESPIMAT
DULERA
FASENRA PEN
fluticasone-salmeterol diskus
INCRUSE ELLIPTA
ipratropium bromide inhal soln
ipratropium-albuterol nebu soln
levalbuterol hcl soln nebu conc
montelukast sodium tab
NUCALA
QVAR REDHALER
SEREVENT DISKUS
SPIRIVA RESPIMAT
STIOLTO RESPIMAT
STRIVERDI RESPIMAT
SYMBICORT
TEZSPIRE
theophylline tab er 24hr
TRELEGY ELLIPTA
XOLAIR

CHOLESTEROL

atorvastatin calcium tab
colesevelam hcl tab
ezetimibe tab
fenofibrate micronized cap
fenofibrate tab
gemfibrozil tab
lovastatin tab
pravastatin tab
rosuvastatin tab
simvastatin tab

DEPRESSION

amitriptyline hcl tab
bupropion hcl tab
citalopram hydrobromide tab
desipramine
doxepin hcl cap
duloxetine hcl enteric coated pellets cap
escitalopram oxalate tab
fluoxetine hcl cap
fluvoxamine maleate tab
imipramine hcl tab
mirtazapine tab
nortriptyline hcl cap
paroxetine hcl tab
sertraline hcl
trazodone hcl tab
venlafaxine hcl tab

DIABETES

acarbose tab
BAQSIMI ONE PACK
BYDUREON BCISE
FARXIGA
FIASP
glimepiride tab
glipizide tab er
GLUCAGON EMERGENCY KIT
glyburide tab
glyburide-metformin tab
GLYXAMBI
GVOKE KIT
HUMALOG
HUMALOG JUNIOR KWIKPEN
HUMALOG MIX 50/50
HUMALOG MIX 50/50 KWIKPEN
HUMULIN 70/30
HUMULIN 70/30 KWIKPEN
HUMULIN N
HUMULIN N KWIKPEN
HUMULIN R
JANUMET
JANUMET XR
JANUVIA
JARDIANCE
LYUMJEV
LYUMJEV KWIKPEN
metformin hcl tab
MOUNJARO
nateglinide tab
NOVOLIN 70/30
NOVOLIN N
NOVOLOG
NOVOLOG FLEXPEN
NOVOLOG MIX 70/30
NOVOLOG PENFILL
OZEMPIC
pioglitazone hcl-metformin hcl tab
pioglitazone hcl tab
repaglinide tab
RYBELSUS
SEMGLEE
SOLIQUA 100/33
SYNJARDY
SYNJARDY XR
TOUJEO MAX SOLOSTAR
TRESIBA
TRIJARDY XR
TRULICITY
XIGDUO XR
XULTOPHY 100/3.6