



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

## Your pharmacy benefits explained

### Top tips to make the most of your coverage and save money

Do you have a prescription and wonder what to do next? Here's a guide to walk you through the basics of your pharmacy benefits, starting with the most common questions from students like you.



## What is a drug list?

A drug list is a list of drugs that are covered under your prescription drug benefit. How much you pay out of pocket is determined by whether your drug is on the list and at what coverage level, or tier.

## What if my doctor prescribes a drug that is not on the drug list?

If a drug is not on the drug list, call the number on your Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois member ID card to see if the drug may be covered.

## Why use generic drugs?

Generic drugs 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.

You may pay more if you fill a prescription for a brand name drug when a generic equivalent is available. This Member Pay the Difference program encourages members to use drugs that are safe, work well and are cost effective.

## What if my drug has a special requirement or limit?

Some drugs on the drug list may have additional requirements, or extra steps to take, before you can fill your prescription. You may need to meet certain criteria for approval. Or, some drugs may have limits on how much medicine can be filled per prescription or in a given time span.

## What if I have questions?

Ask your doctor or pharmacist about the choices you have and which drug is right for you. Remember, treatment decisions are always between you and your doctor. If you have any questions about your prescription drug benefit, see your plan materials or call the number on your member ID card.

## Looking for ways to save? Consider using generic drugs and follow these tips to help you get the most from your benefits:

- View the BCBSIL drug list. Ask your doctor to check this list when recommending prescription drug options for you.
- Fill your prescriptions at an in-network pharmacy to save money.
- Check with your Student Health Center (if available) to see if they offer an on-site medication distribution program.
- If you regularly take prescription drugs, consider using the home delivery services (if available) to get up to a 90-day supply of covered long-term prescription medicines shipped directly to you. You'll want to allow at least one week to get any prescription refills.
- Take advantage of the pharmacy's online refills, text or smartphone app reminders.
- Use online pharmacy resources to get information about your out-of-pocket cost for a prescription, view your claims history and more.

Go to [bcbsil.com](https://www.bcbsil.com) and log in to Blue Access for Members<sup>SM</sup> to learn more about your prescription drug benefit and access online resources.

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200 Independence Avenue SW  
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繁體中文 Chinese	如果您，或您正在協助的對象，對此有疑問，您有權利免費以您的母語獲得幫助和訊息。洽詢一位翻譯員，請撥電話號碼 855-710-6984。
Français French	Si vous, ou quelqu'un que vous êtes en train d'aider, avez des questions, vous avez le droit d'obtenir de l'aide et l'information dans votre langue à aucun coût. Pour parler à un interprète, appelez 855-710-6984.
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ગુજરાતી Gujarati	જો તમને અથવા તમે મદદ કરી રહ્યા હોય એવા કોઈ બીજા વ્યક્તિને એસ.બી.એમ. કાયદમ બાબતે પ્રશ્નો હોય, તો તમને વિના ખર્ચે, તમારી ભાષામાં મદદ અને માહિતી મેળવવાનો હક્ક છે. દુભાષિયા સાથે વાત કરવા માટે આ નંબર 855-710-6984 પર કોલ કરો.
हिंदी Hindi	यदि आपके, या आप जिसकी सहायता कर रहे हैं उसके, प्रश्न हैं, तो आपको अपनी भाषा में नि:शुल्क सहायता और जानकारी प्राप्त करने का अधिकार है। किसी अनुवादक से बात करने के लिए 855-710-6984 पर कॉल करें।
Italiano Italian	Se tu o qualcuno che stai aiutando avete domande, hai il diritto di ottenere aiuto e informazioni nella tua lingua gratuitamente. Per parlare con un interprete, puoi chiamare il numero 855-710-6984.
한국어 Korean	만약 귀하 또는 귀하가 돕는 사람이 질문이 있다면 귀하는 무료로 그러한 도움과 정보를 귀하의 언어로 받을 수 있는 권리가 있습니다. 통역사가 필요하시면 855-710-6984 로 전화하십시오.
Diné Navajo	T'áá ni, éí doodago ła'da bıká anánlwo'ígíí, na'ídíłkidgo, ts'ídá bee ná ahóótí'i' t'áá níłk'e níká a'doolwoł dóó bína'ídíłkídígíí bee níł h odoonih. Ata'dahalne'ígíí bich'í' hodíłłnih kwe'e 855-710-6984.
فارسی Persian	اگر شما، یا کسی که شما به او کمک می کنید، سوالی داشته باشید، حق این را دارید که به زبان خود، به طور رایگان کمک و اطلاعات دریافت نمایید. جهت گفتگو با یک مترجم شفاهی، با شماره 855-710-6984 تماس حاصل نمایید.
Polski Polish	Jeśli Ty lub osoba, której pomagasz, macie jakiegokolwiek pytania, macie prawo do uzyskania bezpłatnej informacji i pomocy we własnym języku. Aby porozmawiać z tłumaczem, zadzwoń pod numer 855-710-6984.
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Tagalog Tagalog	Kung ikaw, o ang isang taong iyong tinutulungan ay may mga tanong, may karapatan kang makakuha ng tulong at impormasyon sa iyong wika nang walang bayad. Upang makipag-usap sa isang tagasalin-wika, tumawag sa 855-710-6984.
اردو Urdu	اگر آپ کو، یا کسی ایسے فرد کو جس کی آپ مدد کر رہے ہیں، کوئی سوال درپیش ہے تو، آپ کو اپنی زبان میں مفت مدد اور معلومات حاصل کرنے کا حق ہے۔ مترجم سے بات کرنے کے لیے، 855-710-6984 پر کال کریں۔
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