



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.



What is a generic drug?

A generic drug is the same as a brand name drug in dose, strength, performance and use. Generics are also approved by the FDA. But generic drugs often cost less.



Can I get a brand drug when a generic equivalent is available?

Some plans may require you to pay more if your doctor prescribes a brand drug when a generic equivalent is available. A generic equivalent is made with the same active ingredient(s) at the same dosage as the brand drug.



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.

Ways to save:

- 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.

MedsYourWay®

MedsYourWay is a program that works with your BCBSIL health plan pharmacy benefit to automatically search for and find lower costs for your eligible medicines. When you fill your prescriptions at a participating in-network retail pharmacy, simply show your BCBSIL member ID card to the pharmacist, and you'll pay the lower available price option at check-out.

Online resources:

- Take advantage of the pharmacy's online refills, text or smartphone app reminders.
- Go to **bcbsil.com** and log in to Blue Access for MembersSM:
 - get information about your out-of-pocket cost for a prescription, view your claims history and more.
 - access Medication Finder under “Find Care” to search your medications and discover saving opportunities at the most convenient pharmacy locations.

You can also access information on your pharmacy benefits using the free BCBSIL app. Scan a QR code to download. Use your Blue Access for MembersSM login to get started.



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200 Independence Avenue SW
Room 509F, HHH Building 1019
Washington, DC 20201

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