



Q&A: Prescription Drug List

What is a prescription drug list?

Your prescription drug benefit plan is based on the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT) 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 (FDA)-approved drugs are chosen 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 Select Drug List and 2021 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 Select Drug List or 2021 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 doctor when prescribing medicines. But it is up to you and your doctor 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 doctor 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 flier lists some commonly prescribed generic and preferred brand drugs. If a drug you are looking for is not on this flier, search the full drug list at bcbsmt.com/member/prescription-drug-plan-information/drug-lists or call customer service at the number on your BCBSMT 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 Blue Access for MembersSM (BAMSM) account at bcbsmt.com or call customer service at the number on your BCBSMT member ID card.

Please note: Drugs that call for a health care 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 BCBSMT 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 osteoporosis drug Actonel[®] (risedronate) can only be filled as 30 tablets per 30 days because the FDA-approved labeling recommends the dose of one 5 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 bcbsmt.com.

April 2021 Commonly Prescribed Drugs

This list is a sample of commonly prescribed generic and preferred brand drugs. See the full and up-to-date BCBSMT prescription drug lists at bcbsmt.com/member/prescription-drug-plan-information/drug-lists. The online drug list (Balanced Drug List, Basic Drug List, Enhanced Drug List, Performance Drug List, Performance Select Drug List) may be changed as often as four times a year, based on your prescription drug benefit plan. Some online drug lists (Annual versions) may only be changed once a year, based on your plan benefits. The online 2021 Drug List (for Metallic plans) may be changed monthly with added drugs. The drug list may show medicines not covered under your prescription drug benefit plan. Also, prescription versions of over-the-counter (OTC) 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
benazepril/hydrochlorothiazide tab
captopril tab
enalapril maleate tab
enalapril maleate/hydrochlorothiazide tab
fosinopril sodium tab
fosinopril sodium/hydrochlorothiazide tab
lisinopril tab
lisinopril/hydrochlorothiazide tab
moexipril hcl tab
perindopril erbumine tab
quinapril hcl tab
quinapril-hydrochlorothiazide 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
telmisartan-hydrochlorothiazide tab
valsartan tab
valsartan-hydrochlorothiazide tab

Beta Blockers and Combinations

acebutolol hcl
atenolol tab
atenolol/chlorthalidone tab
bisoprolol fumarate tab
bisoprolol/hydrochlorothiazide tab
carvedilol tab
labetalol hcl tab
metoprolol/hydrochlorothiazide tab
metoprolol succinate tab er 24hr
metoprolol tartrate tab
nadolol tab
pindolol tab
propranolol hcl tab
propranolol hcl cap er 24hr

Calcium Channel Blockers and Combinations

amlodipine besylate tab
amlodipine besylate-benazepril hcl cap
amlodipine besylate-valsartan tab
amlodipine-valsartan-hydrochlorothiazide tab
diltiazem hcl coated beads cap er 24hr
diltiazem hcl tab

felodipine tab er 24hr
nifedipine tab er 24hr osmotic release
verapamil hcl tab er
verapamil hcl tab

ASTHMA/COPD

ADVAIR
albuterol sulfate HFA
albuterol sulfate soln nebu
albuterol sulfate syrup
albuterol sulfate tab
ANORO ELLIPTA
ARNUIITY ELLIPTA
ASMANEX HFA
BREO ELLIPTA
BREZTRI AEROSPHERE
budesonide inhalation susp
DULERA
FLOVENT DISKUS
FLOVENT HFA
INCRUSE ELLIPTA
ipratropium bromide inhal soln
ipratropium-albuterol nebu soln
levalbuterol hcl soln nebu conc
montelukast sodium
QVAR REDIHALER
SEREVENT DISKUS
SPIRIVA HANDIHALER
SPIRIVA RESPIMAT
STIOLTO RESPIMAT
STRIVERDI RESPIMAT
SYMBICORT
terbutaline sulfate tab
theophylline tab er 24hr
TRELEGY ELLIPTA
VENTOLIN HFA
zafirlukast tab

CHOLESTEROL

atorvastatin calcium tab
cholestyramine light powder packets
colesevelam hcl
colestipol hcl granule packets
ezetimibe tab
ezetimibe-simvastatin tab
fenofibrate tab
gemfibrozil tab
lovastatin tab
niacin tab er
pravastatin sodium tab
rosuvastatin calcium tab
simvastatin tab

DEPRESSION

amitriptyline hcl tab
bupropion hcl tab
bupropion hcl tab er
citalopram hydrobromide
clomipramine hcl cap
desipramine hcl tab

duloxetine hcl enteric coated pellets cap
escitalopram oxalate tab
fluoxetine hcl
fluvoxamine maleate tab
imipramine hcl tab
mirtazapine tab
nortriptyline hcl cap
paroxetine hcl tab
phenelzine sulfate tab
sertraline hcl
tranylcypromine sulfate tab
trazodone hcl tab
venlafaxine hcl cap er
venlafaxine hcl tab

DIABETES

acarbose tab
BAQSIMI ONE PACK
FARXIGA
glimepiride tab
glipizide tab
glipizide tab er 24hr
glipizide-metformin hcl tab
GLUCAGON EMERGENCY KIT
glyburide micronized tab
glyburide tab
glyburide-metformin tab
GLYXAMBI
GVOKE HYPOPEN 1-PACK
GVOKE PFS
HUMULIN R
INVOKAMET
INVOKAMET XR
INVOKANA
JANUMET
JANUMET XR
JANUVIA
JARDIANCE
LANTUS
LANTUS SOLOSTAR
LEVEMIR
metformin hcl tab
metformin hcl tab er
nateglinide tab
NOVOLIN 70/30
NOVOLIN N
NOVOLIN R
NOVOLOG
NOVOLOG MIX 70/30
pioglitazone hcl-metformin hcl tab
pioglitazone hcl tab
repaglinide tab
RYBELSUS
SOLIQUA 100/33
TRESIBA
TRIJARDY XR
VICTOZA
XIGDUO XR
XULTOPHY 100/3.6