

How to Save on Prescription Costs

Use generic drugs when available

Most drug categories have a variety of generic and brand-name drugs to choose from. Even though these drugs all work the same way, the brand-name drugs are usually more expensive. A brand-name drug can cost as much as 80% more than its generic counterpart. This means that you may be using the most expensive drug in a category, even though there are less expensive drugs that are just as effective.

Generic drugs go through the same rigorous testing as brand-name drugs. All generic drugs are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Check with your doctor to see if a generic drug is available for your prescription. Your copay is usually less for generic drugs than for brand-name drugs.

Take advantage of a 90-day supply

The mail service offers tremendous savings and convenience, especially for people who need maintenance medications. Ordering is simple and there's no more waiting in line.

You can also get up to a 90-day supply of your medication from the mail service. Retail pharmacies usually allow for only a 30-day supply. Your copay goes farther when you use the mail service. Ask your doctor to write your prescription for a 90-day supply when you use the mail service.

RxAmerica owns a state-of-the-art mail service facility. Pharmacists perform several quality checks to assure that each prescription is dispensed exactly as the doctor has written. Orders are filled using an automated system that ensures speed and accuracy.

For questions about mail service, contact RxAmerica Home Delivery at 1-877-889-3402.



Generic Drugs: Safe. Effective. FDA Approved.

What are generic drugs?

- When the patent for a brand-name drug expires, one or more generic version of the drug may enter the market.
- All brand-name and generic drug products must be reviewed and approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) before they enter the market.
- The generic version of a drug product often has the identical drug ingredient in the same dosage form and at the same strength as the brand-name drug product.
- Brand and generic drug products must meet the same exact quality and safety standards set by the FDA.



“How do I get the over-the-counter products?”

Have your physician write a prescription for the OTC medication just as they would for a regular prescription. Your pharmacist will fill the prescription with the OTC product and submit it to your insurance as a generic drug. To take advantage of the \$0.00 copay, you must still have a prescription for the OTC products. **Remember, choosing OTC products and generic drugs ensures that you will always have the lowest possible co-pay when having prescriptions filled.**

San Francisco Electrical Workers Cover Prilosec OTC, Loratadine OTC Products & Cetirizine OTC Products at a \$0 copay

Brand medications are a 20% copay

Anti-Ulcer / Gerd	
If you are taking	Avg. Copay amount
Aciphex®	\$38.57
Nexium®	\$47.89
Prevacid®	\$36.10
Rx Prilosec® (not OTC)	\$39.36
Omeprazole	\$24.21
Protonix®	\$42.00

Antihistamines	
If you are taking	Avg. Copay amount
Allegra	\$16.56
Allegra-D	\$19.92
Clarinx	\$22.20
Fexofenadine	\$13.13

If you have any questions about your prescription benefits, contact the RxAmerica Customer Service Desk at 1-800-770-8014.