



Brand-Name vs. Generic Drug Costs

(BCBSM top 25 brand-name drugs with available generic counterparts)

This price list for generic drugs is based on the BCBSM maximum allowable cost, which applies to Michigan Blues members only. Those with other insurance coverage or no insurance should expect to pay more for medications, as pharmacies may charge a dispensing fee or service fee in addition to the cost of the drug. These additional costs may vary among pharmacies.

Brand Name/Strength*	Commonly Prescribed Quantity (30 Day Supply)	Brand Name Cost**	Generic Cost***	Generic Name	Generic Savings
Aceon® 4 mg	30	\$75.97	\$39.00	Perindopril Erbumine	\$36.97
Ambien® 10 mg	30	\$193.20	\$3.00	Zolpidem Tartrate	\$190.20
Ativan® 1 mg	90	\$175.64	\$8.10	Lorazepam	\$167.54
Celexa® 20 mg	30	\$120.21	\$4.50	Citalopram Hydrobromide	\$115.71
Coreg® 25 mg	60	\$152.07	\$9.00	Carvedilol	\$143.07
Coumadin® 5 mg	30	\$40.50	\$5.10	Warfarin Sodium	\$35.40
Cozaar® 50 mg ^	30	\$75.30	\$50.91	Losartan Potassium	\$24.39
Darvocet-N 100® 100-650 mg	120	\$246.00	\$9.60	Propoxyphene / Acetaminophen	\$236.40
Fiorinal® with Codeine	120	\$266.40	\$113.30	Codeine / Butalbital / Aspirin / Caffeine	\$153.10
Flomax® 0.4 mg ^	30	\$140.70	\$100.50	Tamsulosin Hcl	\$40.20
Glucophage XR® 500 mg	90	\$102.60	\$11.70	Metformin Hcl	\$90.90
Hyzaar® 100mg-25mg ^	30	\$107.10	\$76.67	Losartan / Hydrochlorothiazide	\$30.43
Mirapex® 0.25 mg ^	60	\$201.55	\$132.60	Pramipexole Dihydrochloride	\$68.95
Mobic® 7.5 mg	30	\$141.60	\$3.60	Meloxicam	\$138.00
Pacerone® 200 mg	30	\$140.70	\$6.00	Amiodarone Hcl	\$134.70
Pravachol® 40 mg	30	\$192.00	\$7.50	Pravastatin Sodium	\$184.50
Procardia XL® 30 mg	30	\$71.40	\$18.00	Nifedipine	\$53.40
Ritalin® 10 mg	60	\$67.20	\$10.80	Methylphenidate Hcl	\$56.40
Starlix® 120 mg ^	90	\$182.21	\$116.10	Nateglinide	\$66.11
Tenormin® 50 mg	30	\$56.70	\$3.00	Atenolol	\$53.70
Ultram® 50 mg	150	\$218.68	\$12.60	Tramadol Hcl	\$206.08
Valium® 5 mg	60	\$187.20	\$1.82	Diazepam	\$185.38
Wellbutrin SR® 150 mg	60	\$235.04	\$36.00	Bupropion Hcl	\$199.04
Zestril® 10 mg	30	\$35.99	\$4.50	Lisinopril	\$31.49
Zocor® 40 mg	30	\$168.30	\$6.00	Simvastatin	\$162.30

* Most common strength dispensed for BCBSM members

** Brand-name cost based on Average Wholesale Price (AWP) obtained from various data sources (June 2010)

*** Generic cost based on BCBSM Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) schedule or discounted AWP (June 2010)

^ Newly available generic medication

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