

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
Adderall XR® 20 mg ^	30	\$215.83	\$148.50	Amphetamine Mixture	\$67.33
Altace® 10 mg	30	\$78.79	\$18.10	Ramipril	\$60.69
Ambien® 10 mg	30	\$172.76	\$3.00	Zolpidem Tartrate	\$169.76
Cardizem CD® 240 mg	30	\$131.60	\$25.14	Diltiazem Hcl	\$106.47
Coreg® 25 mg	60	\$149.34	\$9.00	Carvedilol	\$140.34
Coumadin® 5 mg	30	\$33.69	\$5.10	Warfarin Sodium	\$28.59
Dyazide® 37.5 mg-25 mg	30	\$33.93	\$2.70	Triamterene / Hydrochlorothiazide	\$31.23
Fioricet® 50 mg-325 mg-40 mg	120	\$204.72	\$19.20	Butalbital / Acetaminophen / Caffeine	\$185.52
Glucophage® XR 500 mg	90	\$102.67	\$11.70	Metformin Hcl	\$90.97
Imitrex® 100 mg	12	\$337.92	\$211.18	Sumatriptan Succinate	\$126.74
Klonopin® 0.5 mg	60	\$90.73	\$4.20	Clonazepam	\$86.53
Lotrel® 5 mg-20 mg	30	\$110.49	\$55.50	Amlodipine Besylate / Benazepril	\$54.99
Norvasc® 5 mg	30	\$65.68	\$6.00	Amlodipine Besylate	\$59.68
Paxil CR® 25 mg	30	\$119.95	\$80.21	Paroxetine Hcl	\$39.74
Prilosec® 20 mg	30	\$166.64	\$16.50	Omeprazole	\$150.14
Protonix® 40 mg	30	\$172.05	\$85.80	Pantoprazole Sodium	\$86.25
Risperdal® 1 mg	60	\$320.11	\$204.75	Risperidone	\$115.36
Ritalin® 10 mg	90	\$96.59	\$16.20	Methylphenidate Hcl	\$80.39
Tenormin® 50 mg	30	\$56.61	\$3.00	Atenolol	\$53.61
Valium® 5 mg	60	\$187.55	\$1.82	Diazepam	\$185.73
Vicodin ES® 7.5-750 mg	120	\$151.96	\$7.20	Hydrocodone Bitartrate / Acetaminophen	\$144.76
Wellbutrin XL® 300 mg	30	\$221.18	\$45.00	Bupropion Hcl	\$176.18
Xanax® 0.5 mg	90	\$143.69	\$4.50	Alprazolam	\$139.19
Zocor® 20 mg	30	\$150.83	\$7.50	Simvastatin	\$143.33
Zoloft® 100 mg	30	\$115.97	\$7.50	Sertraline Hcl	\$108.47

*Most common strength dispensed for BCBSM members

**Brand-name cost based on Average Wholesale Price (AWP) obtained from various data sources (October 2009)

***Generic cost based on BCBSM Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) schedule or discounted AWP (October 2009)

^Newly available generic medication