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Choose generic drugs and save

Your plan has specific terms that help you pay less when you choose generic drugs

Taking a generic is an easy way to reduce your out-of-pocket costs. They are safe, effective and often cost less than their brand-name counterparts. To help you save money, your plan requires you to use a generic drug, when one is available, in order to get the best coverage.

Most times, your doctor will let you take a generic version of a drug. For that reason, your pharmacist will substitute a generic for the brand-name drug. This helps you save money every time you fill a prescription.

You and your doctor may still decide you want to get the brand-name version of a drug. If there is a medical need for a brand-name drug, the prescribing doctor can ask for a medical exception to avoid the copay “penalty.”

You can still get the brand-name version of your drug if you want, but you may pay more

Please know that if a generic is available, and you choose to get the brand instead, you may pay more. You’ll pay the difference in cost between the brand and generic, plus the applicable copay for your plan. If you want to try a generic version, please talk to your doctor about changing your prescription.

Generic drugs are as safe as brand-name drugs

Check what you’ll pay with a few clicks

Use our Price-A-DrugSM tool to:

- Compare the costs of generic and brand-name drugs.
- Estimate the cost of a drug from your local pharmacy vs. our mail-order pharmacy.
- See how much you can save.

To use the tool, log in to www.aetnavigators.com, click “Aetna Pharmacy,” from the top of the page, and then click “Get Drug Prices.”

While you may pay less with generics, you won't lose out on quality. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)- approved generic drugs have met the same rigid standards as the innovator (brand-name) drug.¹ A generic drug is the same as a brand-name drug in¹:

- Dosage
- Safety
- Strength
- Quality
- The way it works
- The way it is taken
- The way it should be used

[Click here](#) to watch a short video about generic drugs and how they are as safe and effective as brand-name drugs. It takes only about four minutes to watch.

[Learn more now](#)

Get details about your coverage and find out more about generics. Log in to www.aetn navigator.com, your secure member website. You can also call the toll-free number on your member ID card.

¹Available at www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/QuestionsAnswers/ucm100100.htm. Accessed October 2013.

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