

Understanding Your Prescription Costs and Options



CVS Caremark®'s Check Drug Cost tool shows the estimated cost of specific medications under each of the medical options so you can compare options, if applicable (for instance, brand versus generic, or one brand versus another brand).

Check Drug Costs

Click on the links below to understand your costs under:

- [HSA Copay \(Before deductible, individual\)](#)
- [HSA Copay \(Before deductible, family\)](#)
- [HSA Copay \(After deductible, individual and family\); Network Copay; or Traditional Coinsurance](#)

What You'll Need

A list of the prescription drug names that you are taking, plus the dosage amount and frequency of each. You may be able to find this information for your current medications by visiting caremark.com, or by requesting a list from your provider or pharmacy.

Why Use This Tool

- Compare your estimated out-of-pocket costs.
- Compare the cost of brand medications and their generic equivalents.
- Understand the cost savings for moving to a 90-day supply versus a 30-day supply for your regular medications.

How to Use the Tool

1 Check Drug Costs

Click the links above to access the tool for your prescription drug option (based on your Medicare eligibility). Prices may vary by pharmacy.

Check Drug Cost
Search for generic, brand, specialty and alternative medications by drug name or by National Drug Code (NDC) number. Then, use your primary pharmacy or search access to network pharmacies to compare your estimated cost for in-store and mail-order options.

Patient
You

Nearest Pharmacy
CVS Pharmacy 05280
3401 W Walnut Hill Ln
Irving, TX 75038
(972) 463-9568
[Change pharmacy](#)

Drug Search
Search criteria
Search by drug name or National Drug Code (NDC) number

Drug name
 NDC number

Drug name
Enter at least 3 letters of the drug name

[Search](#)

2 Search for a Drug

Enter the medication name (or enter the first 3-4 letters if you do not have the full name); in this example we use Vasotec, a popular ACE inhibitor. Then, click *Search*.

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Results:
Vasotec (brand)
Vasoflex (generic)
Vasoflex Hd (generic)
Vasoflex D1 (over-the-counter)

Est: current benefit plan year or the end of the current calendar year.
Pri: such as 90-day supply vs. 30-day supply.

3 Select the Dosage

Select the form and strength prescribed to you from the drop-down menu. Once selected, click *View Pricing*. This will provide results for the standard dosage. If you need to customize the dosage, click *Customize Dosage*, and enter the dosage prescribed by your doctor. Once selected, click *View Pricing*.

You will then see the cost of a 30-day retail and 90-day supply filled at either CVS Pharmacy or through CVS Caremark mail-order, based on the coverage option you chosen. If you enter a brand medication and there is a generic equivalent available, you will also see that cost. To adjust the provided results to accommodate your needs, you can select Filter results and change the Filter results from Select All to exactly what you are looking for.

Note: When estimating the cost for brand medications and their generic equivalents, the tool will not indicate the specific manufacturer for generic medications.

4 Print the Search Results

This information will not be saved, so to complete your comparison you should print this screen.

5 Repeat

Repeat steps 1 through 4 for each additional drug on your list by clicking *New Search*. To compare costs under each prescription, you will need to click on the applicable link in step 1 to switch from one coverage option to the other, and then follow the same steps.

Hint: This tool assumes that, if you are using a non-Pfizer brand medication when a generic is available, you did not have your doctor write your prescription as “dispense as written.” If you request a non-Pfizer brand medication where the prescription does not indicate “dispense as written,” you are required to pay the full cost difference between the generic medication and the brand medication requested, in addition to your regular copay or coinsurance amount. If you purchase a Pfizer brand medication when a generic is available (such as Accupril, Pristiq, or Protonix), the medication will be covered the same as any non-Pfizer medication.

Note: If you are taking an anti-obesity medication (such as Wegovy, Saxenda or Zepbound), you are required to enroll in coaching through TrestleTree to receive the Plan coinsurance/copay and have your out-of-pocket costs count toward your out-of-pocket maximum; the tool reflects that you will pay the full plan cost. To enroll, call TrestleTree at 1-866-237-0967 and call CVS Caremark for a full list of anti-obesity medications or for questions about anti-obesity medication costs.

Discuss with your provider if taking a generic medication is right for you, as generic medications typically cost less than brand-name medications.

Questions?

For questions about this tool or the cost of a specific medication, contact CVS Caremark at 1-866-804-5881. Representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.