

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. **Remember:** Discuss with your provider if taking a **generic** or **biosimilar** medication is right for you, as generic and biosimilars medications typically cost less than brand medication or reference product, as applicable.

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, non-specialty 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.

Compare medication prices

Drug name or NDC ID
Start typing to view and select an option.

ZIP code, address or location
75038

[Use my current location](#)

[Get price](#)

Important information and disclaimers
Estimated usage, price and savings are calculated through the current benefit plan year or the end of the current calendar year.
Price varies by location.

2 Search for a Drug

Enter the medication name (or enter the first 4-5 letters if you do not have the full name); in this example we use Vasotec, a popular ACE inhibitor.

Compare medication prices

Drug name or NDC ID
Start typing to view and select an option.

- Vasotec tab 20mg
- Vasotec tab 10mg
- Vasotec tab 5mg
- Vasotec tab 2.5mg
- Vasoflex hd tab
- Travasol inj 10%
- Novasource renal liq renal

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3 Select the Dosage

Select the form and strength prescribed to you from the drop-down menu, then enter Zip code, address, or location. Once selected, click *Get Price*. This will provide results for the standard dosage.

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 have 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 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.

Biosimilars: To understand costs for a biosimilar medication, you will need to search for that medication name; it will not appear if you search for the reference product (e.g., Humira).

4 Print the Search Results

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

The screenshot displays the 'Compare medication prices' interface. At the top, it shows 'Price comparison for Vasotec' for a '10mg tablet'. Below this, it lists 'CVS PHARMACY 05260' with the address '3401 W WALNUT HILL LN, IRVING, TX, 75038'. There is a 'Filter (0)' button. The results are organized into two sections: 'Vasotec' (brand) and 'Enalapril Maleate' (generic). Each section has a table with columns for 'How you will get it', 'Coverage details', '1 month', and '3 months'. For Vasotec, 'Mail order' is 'Covered' but '1 month' is 'Unavailable' (\$923.87) and '3 months' is '\$923.87'. 'In store' is 'Covered' with '1 month' at '\$603.57' and '3 months' at '\$923.78'. For Enalapril Maleate, 'Mail order' is 'Covered' but '1 month' is 'Unavailable' (\$38.50) and '3 months' is '\$38.50'. 'In store' is 'Covered' with '1 month' at '\$21.63' and '3 months' at '\$38.50'. Each price has a 'Pricing details' link.

5 Repeat

Repeat steps 1 through 4 for each additional drug on your list by clicking *Compare medication prices*. 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 coinsurance amount. If the non-Pfizer brand has a biosimilar available and you request the reference product (such as Humira or Stelara), the tool assumes you did not have a prior authorization approved by CVS Caremark and therefore you will pay an additional fee of \$500 per 30-day supply in addition to your regular coinsurance amount.

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.

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.