

Brand-Name vs. Generic Drug Costs

(Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan 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
Allegra® 180 mg	30	\$88.56	\$37.80	Fexofenadine Hcl	\$50.76
Ambien® 10 mg^	30	\$155.47	\$2.52	Zolpidem Tartrate	\$152.95
Ativan® 1 mg	90	\$152.04	\$9.90	Lorazepam	\$142.14
Coreg® 25 mg^	60	\$134.15	\$7.02	Carvedilol	\$127.13
Coumadin® 5 mg	30	\$33.68	\$5.84	Warfarin Sodium	\$27.83
Darvocet-N 100® 100 mg / 650 mg	120	\$146.82	\$9.60	Propoxyphene / Acetaminophen	\$137.22
Fioricet® 50 mg / 325 mg / 40 mg	120	\$206.79	\$19.20	Butalbital / Acetaminophen / Caffeine	\$187.59
Glucophage XR® 500 mg	90	\$99.95	\$7.88	Metformin Hcl	\$92.07
Klonopin® 0.5 mg	60	\$78.26	\$2.40	Clonazepam	\$75.86
Lamisil® 250 mg^	30	\$435.84	\$14.10	Terbinafine Hcl	\$421.74
Lotrel® 5 mg / 20 mg^	30	\$84.69	\$64.20	Amlodipine Besylate / Benazepril	\$20.49
Norvasc® 5 mg	30	\$63.61	\$4.20	Amlodipine Besylate	\$59.41
Pravachol® 80 mg	30	\$187.05	\$100.80	Pravastatin Sodium	\$86.25
Prilosec® 20 mg	30	\$158.08	\$21.00	Omeprazole	\$137.08
Ritalin® 20 mg	90	\$132.34	\$25.71	Methylphenidate Hcl	\$106.62
Tenormin® 50 mg	30	\$51.93	\$1.38	Atenolol	\$50.55
Toprol XL® 50 mg^	30	\$33.29	\$19.50	Metoprolol Succinate	\$13.79
Valium® 5 mg	60	\$140.66	\$1.82	Diazepam	\$138.83
Verelan PM® 200 mg^	30	\$84.30	\$56.10	Verapamil Hcl	\$28.20
Vicodin ES® 7.5 mg / 750 mg	120	\$138.70	\$9.23	Hydrocodone Bitartrate / Acetaminophen	\$129.47
Wellbutrin XL® 300 mg	30	\$183.59	\$99.90	Bupropion Hcl	\$83.69
Xanax® 0.5 mg	90	\$148.54	\$4.50	Alprazolam	\$144.04
Zocor® 20 mg	30	\$150.79	\$4.00	Simvastatin	\$146.79
Zofran® 8 mg	30	\$1,383.26	\$88.20	Ondansetron Hcl	\$1,295.06
Zoloft® 100 mg	30	\$104.54	\$6.60	Sertraline Hcl	\$97.94

*Most common strength dispensed for BCBSM members

**Brand-name cost based on Average Wholesale Price (AWP) obtained from various data sources (December 10, 2007)

***Generic cost based on BCBSM Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) schedule or discounted AWP (December 7, 2007)

^Newly available generic medication



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