



CVS/Caremark Prescription Drug Plan

The below changes will take place effective July 1, 2018 as a result of the new Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Copayments - The following copayments represent the cost you will pay for prescription drugs at the retail pharmacy for a one month supply.

	Retail (34 day supply)
Generic Drug	\$10
Preferred Brand Drug	\$20
Non Preferred Brand Drug	\$40
Specialty Drug	\$65

Maintenance Choice – If you are taking a maintenance medications on an ongoing basis, after 2 retail fills, you will have the choice to fill a 3 month supply of medication either through CVS Caremark mail service or at any CVS Retail Pharmacy. Regardless of the choice, members will pay 2 copayments for a 3 month supply.

Prior Authorization (PA) – In some instances (typically for complex & costly medications) your physician will obtain approval from CVS/Caremark to prescribe a medication for you.

Quantity Limits– applies to members taking medications that should not be used every day (i.e. migraine medication, pain medication, sleep medication). CVS/Caremark will cover a specified amount of medication within a specified time period. These quantity limits are established to help ensure members receive the appropriate amount of medication, and are based on FDA approved prescribing information and approved medical guidelines.



Step Therapy– applies to members taking ongoing medications that have lower costing equivalents. In some instances, you will need to try the lower costing (usually generic) medication before moving onto the more expensive (usually brand) medication.

Step 1

Medications to Try First

Members must try first step/lower-costing medication before Step 2 is considered. The lower-costing medications are typically generic medications. For many people, generic medications provide the same health benefits as brand-name medications, but at a lower cost.

Step 2

Medications to Try Second

After members try the first step medication and the medication is deemed to be clinically inappropriate, the Brand Medication may be purchased at the applicable brand copayment.

