

Brand-Name vs. Generic Drug Costs

(BCBSM 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
Accolate® 20 mg	60	\$118.70	\$80.51	Zafirlukast	\$38.19
Accutic® 20-12.5 mg	30	\$42.64	\$25.68	Quinapril / Hydrochlorothiazide	\$16.96
Ambien® 10 mg	30	\$159.10	\$3.00	Zolpidem Tartrate	\$156.10
Amerge® 2.5 mg ^	30	\$1,042.00	\$505.50	Naratriptan Hcl	\$536.50
Aricept® 10 mg	30	\$254.34	\$188.19	Donepezil Hcl	\$66.15
Arimidex® 1 mg ^	30	\$449.86	\$24.00	Anastrozole	\$425.86
Cardizem CD® 240 mg	30	\$102.12	\$25.14	Diltiazem Hcl	\$76.98
Coumadin® 5 mg	30	\$34.77	\$5.10	Warfarin Sodium	\$29.67
Dilantin® 100 mg	120	\$57.29	\$30.50	Phenytoin Sodium Extended	\$26.78
Effexor XR® 75 mg	30	\$156.10	\$109.50	Venlafaxine Hcl	\$46.60
Fiorinal® With Codeine 30-50-325 mg	120	\$214.52	\$113.30	Codeine / Butalbital / Aspirin / Caffeine	\$101.22
Flomax® 0.4 mg ^	30	\$134.54	\$45.00	Tamsulosin Hcl	\$89.54
Gengraf® 25 mg	90	\$129.57	\$92.70	Cyclosporine, Modified	\$36.87
Glucophage XR® 500 mg	90	\$94.04	\$11.70	Metformin Hcl	\$82.34
Hyzaar® 100mg-25mg ^	30	\$117.19	\$67.50	Losartan / Hydrochlorothiazide	\$49.69
Methylin® 10 mg	60	\$38.19	\$10.80	Methylphenidate Hcl	\$27.39
Pacerone® 200 mg	30	\$107.25	\$6.00	Amiodarone Hcl	\$101.25
Procardia XL® 30 mg	30	\$48.69	\$18.00	Nifedipine	\$30.69
Prograf® 1 mg	120	\$571.36	\$436.14	Tacrolimus	\$135.22
Prozac® 20 mg	30	\$136.52	\$3.00	Fluoxetine Hcl	\$133.52
Tarka® 4-240mg ^	30	\$115.23	\$70.20	Trandolapril / Verapamil Hcl	\$45.03
Valium® 5 mg	60	\$157.76	\$1.82	Diazepam	\$155.94
Wellbutrin XI® 300 mg	30	\$210.90	\$33.00	Bupropion Hcl	\$177.90
Xyzal® 5 mg	30	\$119.05	\$69.00	Levocetirizine Dihydrochloride	\$50.05
Zegerid® 40mg-1.1g ^	30	\$217.71	\$145.20	Omeprazole / Sodium Bicarbonate	\$72.51

* Most Common strength dispensed for BCBSM members.

**Brand name cost based on Average Wholesale Price (AWP) obtained from various data sources. (January 2011)

***Generic cast based on BCBSM Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) schedule or discounted AWP. (January 2011)

^ Newly available generic medication