



# Use the Comprehensive Formulary to Save Money on Prescription Drugs

## How to Save Money on Your Prescription Drugs

Your prescription drug benefits are based on our Comprehensive Formulary. By understanding how your formulary works, you can learn how to more effectively manage your prescription drug costs and get the therapy you need.

## What is the Comprehensive Formulary?

A formulary is a list of FDA-approved prescription drugs. The drugs on the formulary are divided into major categories, depending on the medical condition they are used to treat. You can manage your prescription drug costs more effectively with the Comprehensive Formulary by:

- Using generic drugs
- Asking your doctor to prescribe preferred products if possible

## Here are two ways you can take advantage of the Comprehensive Formulary to save money:

### Use the Online Formulary to Find Lower-Cost Medications

It's easy to learn which tier your prescription falls into and find other lower-cost drugs that you and your physician may want to consider. Log into [highmarkbcbs.com](https://highmarkbcbs.com), click the **Prescriptions** tab and then the **Search drug list (Formulary)** link. Once you open the formulary, you can search for a specific drug by name or select a category, such as antibiotics, to look through the various drugs in this category. You'll also see the tier for each drug, so you'll know how your cost for this drug compares with other drugs in this category.

### Consult with Your Physician

Ask your doctor when medically appropriate to prescribe a generic or preferred product from the formulary list. Drugs categorized in the generic or preferred tiers typically cost a lot less than brand name or non-preferred counterparts.

*For information about your plan design for each medication tier, refer to your benefit booklet.*

If you have questions about the Comprehensive Formulary, call the number on the back of your ID card.



## Affordable Care Act Mandated Coverage

As part of the Affordable Care Act of 2010 for non-grandfathered coverage, certain preventive medications, including some just for women, are covered with no cost share on all Highmark formularies.

This legislation makes preventive medications more affordable for members and helps them stay healthy.

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