

MedSave RX Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the MedSave Rx Prescription Plan?

The MedSave Rx prescription plan is an affordable discount drug plan with specific \$10 and \$20 pricing limits on nearly all generic medications. The MedSave formulary was developed by a team of clinical pharmacists with a primary goal to include medications used to treat most acute and chronic conditions or diseases.

Why Generics rather than brand-name medications?

Most of the currently available high cost medications are brand-name drugs. Many brand name drugs can be seen daily on television commercials and in magazine advertisements. A large component within pharmaceutical marketing is designed to convince the American public that these advertised medications are of highly quality and more effective than other drugs. In most cases, this simply is not true. Keep in mind that most of these brand name drugs are nothing more than minor chemical modifications of previously marketed drugs that are currently available in generic form. In many cases, the more expensive brand name drug is available for mere convenience or compliance. For example, if you as a patient are willing to take a medication 2-3 times a day instead of once a day, you can often receive equal therapeutic benefit from a generic drug at a fraction of the cost for a similar (same therapeutic class) brand name medication.

Who Can Benefit from MedSave Rx?

There is a potential benefit for everyone. Those with traditional insurance where high drug co-pays or deductibles are required can benefit by receiving medications at a lower price. Those without insurance, insurance with mandatory mail order, and MediCare Part D participants can benefit through reduced pricing on many of the MedSave Rx formulary medications.

I Already Get Some Prescriptions for \$4, Will this Change?

No. Clearly some chain pharmacy and big-box store pharmacies offer a list of generic medications at substantially reduced prices due to local and national competition. Some have begun offering certain antibiotics to patients free-of-charge. Pharmacies that participate in the MedSave Rx plan are required to offer their usual and customary pricing to the plan. Therefore, if you are currently paying \$4 for a 30-day supply of a particular medication at a particular pharmacy, the price should remain \$4. If the pharmacy offers certain antibiotics for free, you should be able to receive the same medications at no charge. Should this not occur, you should call PharmAvail at 800-933-3734 to report the incident.

What Medications Are Available Through the Plan?

All medications are included. Those medications that are available at the defined \$10 and \$20 levels, or less, are set at pre-determined pricing levels. All other medications, particularly brand name drugs, are discounted well below pharmacy wholesale cost.