

Brand-Name vs. Generic Drug Costs

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas members commonly receive these brand-name drugs that have generic equivalents available.

This price list for generic drugs is based on the BCBSKS Maximum Allowable Cost, which applies to Kansas Blues members only. People with other insurance coverage or no insurance may expect to pay more for generic medications. Cash drug prices can vary between pharmacies.

| Brand Name/Strength | Commonly prescribed quantity | Brand Name Cost* | Generic Cost** | Generic Name | Generic Savings |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Adalat CC 60mg | 30 | \$79.68 | \$50.15 | Nifedipine ER | \$29.53 |
| Adderall 10mg | 60 | 101.91 | 62.40 | Amphetamine-Dextroamphetamine | 39.51 |
| Augmentin 875 | 28 | 163.45 | 112.56 | Amoxicillin/Potassium Clavulanate | 50.89 |
| Buspar 15mg | 90 | 212.70 | 27.00 | Buspirone HCL | 185.70 |
| Calan SR 240mg | 30 | 62.48 | 16.50 | Verapamil HCL CR | 45.98 |
| Cardizem CD 240mg | 30 | 74.07 | 44.89 | Diltiazem HCL SR | 29.18 |
| Ceftin 250mg | 20 | 107.66 | 62.00 | Cefuroxime Axetil | 45.66 |
| Climara 0.1mg/day patch | 4 | 35.06 | 26.25 | Estradiol TD Patch | 8.81 |
| Coumadin 5mg | 30 | 25.29 | 10.65 | Warfarin Sodium | 14.64 |
| Estrace 2mg | 30 | 30.43 | 6.30 | Estradiol | 24.13 |
| Glucophage 500mg | 90 | 73.07 | 23.40 | Metformin HCL | 49.67 |
| Glucophage 1000mg | 60 | 100.34 | 24.60 | Metformin HCL | 75.74 |
| K-Dur 20meq | 60 | 38.37 | 19.20 | Potassium Chloride | 19.17 |
| Lortab 7.5/500mg | 30 | 29.96 | 5.70 | Hydrocodone / Acetaminophen | 24.26 |
| Luvox 100mg | 30 | 86.31 | 37.80 | Fluvoxamine Maleate | 48.51 |
| MS Contin 100mg | 30 | 164.10 | 101.24 | Morphine Sulphate | 62.85 |
| Prinivil / Zestril 20mg | 30 | 35.84 | 9.00 | Lisinopril | 26.84 |
| Procardia XL 60mg | 30 | 83.92 | 50.15 | Nifedipine ER | 33.78 |
| Prozac 20mg | 30 | 111.37 | 6.75 | Fluoxetine HCL | 104.62 |
| Septra DS | 20 | 36.66 | 3.60 | Trimethoprim / Sulfamethoxazole | 33.06 |
| Soma 350mg | 40 | 155.74 | 11.74 | Carisoprodol | 144.00 |
| Stadol Nasal Spray | 2.5 | 102.65 | 66.42 | Butorphanol Tartrate | 36.23 |
| Vasotec 10mg | 60 | 74.97 | 15.60 | Enalapril Maleate | 59.37 |
| Verelan 240mg | 30 | 72.32 | 19.94 | Verapamil HCL SR | 52.39 |
| Xanax 1mg | 90 | 160.00 | 6.40 | Alprazolam | 153.60 |
| Zantac 150mg | 60 | 129.58 | 9.60 | Ranitidine | 119.98 |

* Brand-name cost based on Average Wholesale Price (AWP) obtained from various data sources. (10/30/03)

** Generic cost based on BCBSKS Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) schedule or AWP. (10/30/03)