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Benefits of Generic Prescriptions

Did you know when you choose generic prescriptions, you can save up to 80 percent or more on your prescription expenses? Using a generic drug in place of a brand name drug could save you more than \$750 dollars per year in out-of-pocket costs, depending on how many prescriptions you and your family use. By utilizing generics, you can lower your copayment and/or coinsurance amount, which can contribute to lower premiums for all of us. The average out-of-pocket cost per prescription for Baylor Scott & White Health (BSWH) members is:

- Generic: \$4.68
- Brand: \$69.45

Generic versus Brand

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires that generic drugs must be chemically the same and have the same medical effect as the brand name drug. Generic drugs have the same active ingredients as their brand counterparts. Quality indicators checked for comparison between generic and brand name drugs include:

- Effectiveness
- Purity
- Safety
- Potency

Tips to Save Money

- Ask your doctor, pharmacist, or other health care providers about less expensive generic or brand name options.
- Check the BSWH Drug Formulary for preferred medications that may be available at a lower out-of-pocket expense.

- Access the Pharmacy Portal to price prescriptions, view drug information, and more.
- Fill prescriptions at a BSWH pharmacy near you.
- Order prescriptions through the BSWH mail-order pharmacy. Business Hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m to 7 p.m., and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you have any questions about your prescription drug benefits, contact the Scott and White Health Plan Pharmacy team at (800) 728-7947.

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