Pharmacy Drug Pricing Tool

Estimate your out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs

Members can now get cost estimates for Blue Shield of California formulary and non-formulary brand-name drugs* as well as generic versions with our new Pharmacy Drug Pricing Tool. The tool provides estimated costs based on your current benefit information. As a UC Care, Health Savings Plan, or Core PPO plan member, you can use this new service to help you save on out-of-pocket drug costs for you and your family. To access the tool, just login or register for an online account by going to blueshieldca.com/uc.

Get started!

Register or log in to the Blue Shield website by going to blueshieldca.com/uc and selecting Log in to blueshieldca.com or Register for an online account from the home page. Click on My Plan & Claims, Pharmacy Claims, and then Drug Pricing. Then, select Drug Pricing from the choices at the top of the page.

Step 1: Drug pricing

Click on Select a drug, and type in the name of the drug. The Search By box allows you to search by the drug name or the condition name. In the example below, we’ve entered “Lipitor” in the Drug Name box for our search. Click on the Search button and a list will appear with the various dosages available. Now, you can make your selection from the list by clicking on the plus (+) sign.

Step 2: Select a pharmacy

After you click on your choice from the list, a new screen will appear. This screen will display the names of the pharmacy and mail order pharmacy where your last prescriptions were filled. You may select up to five additional pharmacies. (Continued on back)

*A non-formulary brand-name drug is not on the list of preferred generic and brand-name medications approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that are covered under your Blue Shield prescription drug benefit.
To choose a pharmacy, click on Search for a Pharmacy.

You have a choice when you start your search. You can choose to enter a city and state or simply enter a ZIP code. Either way, the Optional Entries section allows you to narrow your search further by specifying a Pharmacy Name, a preferred distance from five to 50 miles, and a street address.

Now, you can select the pharmacies whose drug prices you would like to compare. Then, click on Use Selected Pharmacy(s) for Drug Pricing at the bottom of the list. You can include up to five pharmacies in your search.

**Step 3: Set quantity and days supply**
Enter the quantity and days supply from your prescription.

**Example 1:**
One pill per day for 30 days = 30 qty

**Example 2:**
Two pills per day for 30 days = 60 qty

**Step 4: Price this drug**
Click on Price and view your results on the screen that appears next.

Note: The costs in the chart are sample references only.

### Convenience at your fingertips

The new pharmacy tool lets you view all your pharmacy information in one place. Here are other features you can access:

- **Claim History:** View up to 24 months of claim history information, the names of prescriptions dispensed, fill dates, prescribers, out-of-pocket costs, and more.

- **Coverage Limits and Payment Details:** Track each family member’s pharmacy claims per plan benefits.

- **Drug Information:** Use the search tool to get more information about conditions, drug side effects, and drug interactions.

- **Pharmacy Locator:** Find local network pharmacies, including driving directions.

To use the pharmacy tools, simply log in to the Member Center by going to blueshieldca.com/uc and selecting Log in to blueshieldca.com. If you don’t have a username and password, you can easily register and create an account on blueshieldca.com by using your member ID number (located on your Blue Shield member ID card). If you need assistance, contact Shield Concierge from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. PT, Monday through Friday: Non-Medicare and Medicare PPO plan members call toll-free at (855) 339-9973 (domestic), 800 60004141 (international); UC Care plan members call toll-free at (855) 702-0477 (domestic), 800 60004040 (international).
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Estimate your out-of-pocket costs for prescription specialty drugs

Members can now get cost estimates for Blue Shield of California specialty drugs with our new Pharmacy Drug Pricing Tool. The tool provides estimated costs based on your current benefit information. Specialty drugs are medications used to treat certain complex or chronic conditions that usually require close monitoring and special handling. Prior authorization is required for specialty medications, including self-administered injectables. **Members are required to obtain specialty drugs from a Network Specialty Pharmacy,** including Caremark, Walgreens, or select UC pharmacies. To determine if your medication is a specialty drug, go to blueshieldca.com/uc, click on Pharmacy Benefits, then Non-Medicare Pharmacy Benefits, and then click Specialty Drug List found under “Drug Formularies.”

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Click on My Plan & Claims, Pharmacy Claims and then Drug Pricing. Then, select Drug Pricing from the choices at the top of the page.

Step 1: Drug pricing

Click on Select a drug, and type in the name of the drug. The Search By box allows you to search by the drug name or the condition name. In the example below, we’ve entered “Grastek” in the Drug Name box for our search. Click on the Search button and a list will appear with the various dosages available. Now, you can make your selection from the list by clicking on the plus (+) sign.
Step 2: Select a pharmacy

After you click on your choice from the list, you need to select Search for a Pharmacy. For specialty drugs, you will need to manually enter the two specialty pharmacies that Blue Shield is contracted with in the Pharmacy Name box one at a time.

First, in the City box, enter “Redlands”. In the State box, enter “California.” In the Pharmacy Name box, enter “Caremark LLC.” Then click Search. Check the box next to “Caremark LLC” and select Use Selected Pharmacy(s) for Drug Pricing.

For the second specialty pharmacy, select Search for a Pharmacy, and enter “Beaverton” in the City box and “Oregon” in the State box. In the Pharmacy Name box, enter “Walgreens Specialty.” Then click Search. Check the box next to “Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy” and select Use Selected Pharmacy(s) for Drug Pricing.
Step 3: Set quantity and days supply
Enter the quantity and days supply from your prescription.

Example 1:
One pill per day for 30 days = 30 quantity

Example 2:
Two pills per day for 30 days = 60 quantity

Step 4: Price this drug
Click on Price and view your results on the screen that appears next.

Note: The costs in the chart below are sample references only.

Note: When requesting pricing for a specialty drug from a Non-Network Specialty Pharmacy, an error will appear.
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- **Drug Information**: Use the search tool to get more information about conditions, drug side effects, and drug interactions.
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