



# Q&A: Prescription Drug List

## What is a prescription drug list?

Your prescription drug benefit plan is based on the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana drug list. It is a list of drugs routinely reviewed and chosen based on the recommendations of a group of people from throughout the country who hold a medical or pharmacy degree. U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved drugs are chosen based on their safety, cost and how well they work.

The Enhanced Drug List is a smaller version of the Basic Drug List. It has mostly generic and select preferred brand drugs.

The Balanced Drug List, Performance Drug List, Performance Select Drug List and 2024 Drug List (for Metallic plans) show all covered drugs.

Major drug classes are covered on all drug lists. To learn more about your drug list, please call the number on your ID card.

## Why should I use the drug list?

Your prescription drug list has many levels of coverage, called tiers. Each tier has its own cost. As a rule, your copay/coinsurance amount will be less for covered drugs in the lower tier. For example, the cost for preferred brand drugs is often lower than for non-preferred brand drugs.

If your benefits are based on the Basic or Enhanced Drug List, most medicines may be covered that are not on the drug list, but you may pay more out of pocket. If your benefits are based on the Balanced Drug List, Performance Drug List, Performance Select Drug List or 2024 Drug List (for Metallic plans), medicines that are not shown on these drug lists are not covered. You will need to pay for the full cost of the medicine.

The drug list is a source for your doctor when prescribing medicines. But it is up to you and your doctor to decide the medicine that is best for you.

## Why use generic drugs?

Generics are medicines that are safe and work just as well as a brand drug. Generics often cost less than a

brand drug. A generic can usually be substituted for a brand drug if it has the same active ingredients, the same strength and dosage and gives the same results. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist to find out if a generic drug is right for you.

## How do I know if a drug is on the drug list and what my cost will be?

The other side of this flier lists some commonly prescribed generic and preferred brand drugs. If a drug you are looking for is not on this flier, search the full drug list at [bcbsmt.com/rx-drugs/drug-lists/drug-lists](https://bcbsmt.com/rx-drugs/drug-lists/drug-lists) or call customer service at the number on your BCBSMT member ID card.

How much you may pay out of pocket will be based on your plan benefits and what tier the drug is on your drug list. To find out what you will pay, log in to your Blue Access for Members<sup>SM</sup> (BAM<sup>SM</sup>) account at [bcbsmt.com](https://bcbsmt.com) or call customer service at the number on your BCBSMT member ID card.

**Please note:** Drugs that call for a health care provider to give them to you (often in a hospital, doctor's office or other health care setting) may be covered under your health plan's medical benefit instead of your pharmacy benefits. These drugs are not on the drug list. If you have questions about these drugs, please call customer service at the number on your BCBSMT member ID card.

## What are dispensing limits?

Some drugs listed on the drug list may have additional requirements, or extra steps to take before getting your prescription filled. One of those requirements is dispensing limits. This means you may only be able to get a certain amount of your drug at one time. For example, the osteoporosis drug Actonel<sup>®</sup> (risedronate) can only be filled as 30 tablets per 30 days because the FDA-approved labeling recommends the dose of one 5 mg tablet taken daily by mouth.

## What if I have questions?

Call customer service at the number on your ID card, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or visit [bcbsmt.com](https://bcbsmt.com).

# October 2024 Commonly Prescribed Drugs

This list is a sample of commonly prescribed generic and preferred brand drugs. See the full and up-to-date BCBSMT prescription drug lists at [bcbsmt.com/rx-drugs/drug-lists/drug-lists](https://bcbsmt.com/rx-drugs/drug-lists/drug-lists). The online drug list (Balanced Drug List, Basic Drug List, Enhanced Drug List, Performance Drug List, Performance Select Drug List and 2024 Drug List for Metallic plans) may be changed as often as four times a year, based on your prescription drug benefit plan. Some online drug lists (Annual versions) may only be changed once a year, based on your plan benefits. The drug list may show medicines not covered under your prescription drug benefit plan. Also, prescription versions of over-the-counter (OTC) medicines may not be covered based on your plan. If you have questions about your benefits, call the number on your ID card.

## ANTIHYPERTENSIVES

### Angiotensin Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitors and Combinations

benazepril hcl tab  
enalapril maleate tab  
enalapril maleate-hydrochlorothiazide tab  
fosinopril sodium tab  
lisinopril tab  
lisinopril-hydrochlorothiazide tab  
quinapril hcl tab  
ramipril cap  
trandolapril tab

### Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonist (ARBs) and Combinations

candesartan cilexetil tab  
candesartan cilexetil-hydrochlorothiazide tab  
irbesartan tab  
irbesartan-hydrochlorothiazide tab  
losartan potassium tab  
losartan potassium-hydrochlorothiazide tab  
olmesartan medoxomil tab  
olmesartan medoxomil hydrochlorothiazide tab  
telmisartan tab  
valsartan tab  
valsartan-hydrochlorothiazide tab

### Beta Blockers and Combinations

atenolol tab  
atenolol-chlorthalidone tab  
bisoprolol fumarate tab  
bisoprolol-hydrochlorothiazide tab  
carvedilol tab  
labetalol hcl tab  
metoprolol succinate tab  
metoprolol tartrate tab  
propranolol hcl tab

### Calcium Channel Blockers and Combinations

amlodipine besylate tab  
amlodipine besylate-benazepril hcl cap  
diltiazem hcl tab  
felodipine tab er 24hr  
nifedipine tab er 24hr osmotic release  
verapamil hcl tab

### Other Antihypertensives

clonidine hcl tab  
doxazosin mesylate  
hydralazine hcl tab  
minoxidil tab  
prazosin hcl  
terazosin hcl cap

## ASTHMA/COPD

ADVAIR HFA  
albuterol sulfate  
ANORO ELLIPTA  
ARNUITY ELLIPTA  
ASMANEX HFA  
ASMANEX TWISTHALER  
BREQ ELLIPTA  
BREZTRI AEROSPHERE  
COMBIVENT RESPIMAT  
DULERA  
FASENRA PEN  
fluticasone-salmeterol diskus  
INCRUSE ELLIPTA  
ipratropium bromide inhal soln  
ipratropium-albuterol nebu soln  
levalbuterol hcl soln nebu conc  
montelukast sodium  
NUCALA  
QVAR REDIHALER  
SEREVENT DISKUS  
SPIRIVA HANDIHALER  
SPIRIVA RESPIMAT  
STIOLTO RESPIMAT  
STRIVERDI RESPIMAT  
SYMBICORT  
TEZSPIRE  
theophylline tab er 24hr  
TRELEGY ELLIPTA  
XOLAIR

## CHOLESTEROL

atorvastatin calcium tab  
colesevelam hcl  
ezetimibe tab  
fenofibrate micronized cap  
fenofibrate tab  
gemfibrozil tab  
lovastatin tab  
pravastatin tab  
rosuvastatin tab  
simvastatin tab

## DEPRESSION

amitriptyline hcl tab  
bupropion hcl tab  
citalopram  
doxepin hcl  
duloxetine hcl  
escitalopram tab  
fluoxetine hcl  
imipramine hcl tab  
mirtazapine tab  
nortriptyline hcl cap  
paroxetine hcl tab  
sertraline hcl  
trazodone hcl tab  
venlafaxine hcl tab

## DIABETES

acarbose tab  
BAQSIMI ONE PACK  
BYDUREON BCISE  
FARXIGA  
FIASP  
glimepiride tab  
glipizide tab er  
glipizide-metformin hcl tab  
GLUCAGON EMERGENCY KIT  
glyburide micronized tab  
glyburide tab  
glyburide-metformin tab  
GLYXAMBI  
GVOKE KIT  
HUMALOG  
HUMALOG JUNIOR KWIKPEN  
HUMALOG MIX 50/50  
HUMALOG MIX 50/50 KWIKPEN  
HUMULIN 70/30  
HUMULIN 70/30 KWIKPEN  
HUMULIN N  
HUMULIN N KWIKPEN  
HUMULIN R  
JANUMET  
JANUMET XR  
JANUVIA  
JARDIANCE  
LEVEMIR  
LEVEMIR FLEXPEN  
LYUMJEV  
LYUMJEV KWIKPEN  
metformin hcl tab  
MIGLITOL  
MOUNJARO  
nateglinide tab  
NOVOLIN 70/30  
NOVOLIN N  
NOVOLOG  
NOVOLOG FLEXPEN  
NOVOLOG MIX 70/30  
NOVOLOG PENFILL  
OZEMPIC  
pioglitazone hcl-metformin hcl tab  
pioglitazone hcl tab  
repaglinide tab  
RYBELSUS  
SEMGLEE  
SOLIQUA 100/33  
SYNJARDY  
SYNJARDY XR  
TOUJEO MAX SOLOSTAR  
TRESIBA  
TRIJARDY XR  
TRULICITY  
XIGDUO XR  
XULTOPHY 100/3.6  
ZEGALOGUE