

Helping Medicare Advantage members reduce prescription costs

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Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona (BCBSAZ) is committed to offering the best healthcare at the lowest cost for our members. Prescribing generic or lower-cost brand-name medications whenever possible can make a difference. This is especially relevant for many of our Medicare Advantage members who may be on a fixed income and appreciate the opportunity to reduce a monthly prescription cost.

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Below is a list of some of the common brand-name medications from our 2021 Medicare Advantage formulary that have alternatives with lower copays. Please review the list and consider prescribing these lower-cost medications when appropriate for the patient's condition. Being able to more easily afford a medication may also contribute to greater patient compliance with your prescribed therapy.

2021 Formulary Brand Drug	Standard Copay	2021 Lower-Cost Alternative	Standard Copay
Myrbetriq®	\$40 - \$47 for 30-day supply	Oxybutynin; oxybutynin ER	\$7 - \$9 for 100-day supply
Lumigan® 0.01%	\$40 - \$47 for 30-day supply	Bimatoprost 0.03%	\$7 - \$9 for 100-day supply
Alphagan P®	\$40 - \$47 for 30-day supply	Brimonidine tartrate .2%	\$0 for 100-day supply
Combigan®	\$40 - \$47 for 30-day supply	Brimonidine tartrate .2% and timolol maleate (two prescriptions)	\$0 for 100-day supply
ProAir Respiclick®	\$40 - \$47 for 30-day supply	Albuterol HFA; albuterol nebulized (Part B)	\$7 - \$9 for 100-day supply; 20% coinsurance (Part B)
Combivent Respimat®	\$40 - \$47 for 30-day supply	Albuterol/ipratropium nebulized (Part B)	20% coinsurance (Part B)
Lantus® vial	\$40 - \$47 for 30-day supply	Lantus SoloStar®	Same copay but consider pen convenience
Non-Abbott® monitors and strips	20% coinsurance	Abbott FreeStyle® monitors and Precision® strips	\$0 for a 90-day supply
Breo® Elipta/Symbicort HFA	\$40 - \$47 for 30-day supply	Advair Discus®	\$7 - \$9 for 100-day supply
Non-Formulary Drugs	Standard Default Copay	Formulary Alternative	Standard Copay
Synthroid®	\$90 - \$100 for 30-day supply	Levothyroxine sodium	\$0 for 100-day supply
Proair HFA®, Ventolin HFA®	\$90 - \$100 for 30-day supply	Albuterol HFA	\$7 - \$9 for 100-day supply
Invokana®	\$90 - \$100 for 30-day supply	Jardiance®	\$40 - \$47 for 30-day supply
Tresiba® FlexTouch®	\$90 - \$100 for 30-day supply	Lantus SoloStar	\$40 - \$47 for 30-day supply
Levemir® FlexTouch	\$90 - \$100 per 30-day supply	Lantus SoloStar	\$40 - \$47 for 30-day supply
Basaglar® Kwikpen®	\$90 - \$100 for 30-day supply	Lantus SoloStar	\$40 - \$47 for 30-day supply
Humalog® Kwikpen	\$90 - \$100 for 30-day supply	Novolog FlexPen®	\$7 - \$9 for 100-day supply

Note: This is not a comprehensive list of the medications we cover. We post the complete [BCBSAZ Medicare Advantage formulary](#) for members and providers to view and download at azbluemedicare.com.

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