

Tier 0 (Zero)

Prescription Drug Benefit Program



What Is Tier 0?

Tier 0 is a fourth tier of drugs in our multi-tiered prescription drug program. We offer approximately 65 generic drugs with a cost of \$0—that's right, no copayment, no cost to you! Many of these generic drugs are used to treat chronic, high-cost conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease.

Tier 0 generic drugs, which are safe and effective, are often considered the best therapies—and the best buys—to treat common conditions.

What Are the Benefits of Tier 0?

- No copay, “free” drug therapies so you and your family can stay healthier
- You're getting a “best buy”—tried and true therapies proven to be as safe and effective as a brand-name drug

Are There Any Out-of-Pocket Costs with Tier 0?

Some multi-tiered programs include a deductible. Check your outline of coverage to determine if you have a deductible and the amount. If so, you are responsible for paying the pharmacy for your medications, but at a discount, until you meet your deductible. After you meet your deductible, Tier 0 will then apply and you can get these drugs at no cost.

Where Can I Find a List of Tier 0 Drugs?

The drugs are listed on Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania's Prescription Drug Formulary on www.bcnepa.com. Just click on “Rx Drug Benefits.”

How Can I Get Started?

Ask your doctor if a Tier 0 generic drug could work for you or your covered family members. If so, ask your doctor to write you a new prescription for a Tier 0 generic drug.

Saving Money With Tier 0 Drugs



Penny has high blood pressure.

She currently takes Benicar, and pays a \$35 copayment each month. *That's \$420 a year.*

The Tier 0 generic, lisinopril, is a different drug used to treat high blood pressure and costs \$0 a month, *saving her \$420 a year!*

Why pay more?



Tier 0 Drug List

Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania's Prescription Drug Formulary

This list is subject to change at any time. For the most up-to-date listing, check the formulary on www.bcnepa.com under "Rx Drug Benefits."

Cardiovascular Medications

Calcium Antagonists

amlodipine
cartia XT
diltiazem, diltiazem ER, diltiazem SR, diltiazem SA
felodipine
nicardipine HCl
nifedipine, nifedipine ER
verapamil, verapamil SR
verapamil ER PM

Diuretics

amiloride w/HCTZ
furosemide
hydrochlorothiazide
spironolactone
spironolactone w/HCTZ
triamterene w/HCTZ

Beta-Adrenergic Antagonist Drugs

atenolol
bisoprolol fumarate
carvediol
labetalol
metoprolol succinate ER
metoprolol tartrate
nadolol
propranolol
propranolol SA
sotalol, sotalol AF

Alpha Blockers

doxazosin mesylate
hydralazine
prazosin HCl
terazosin

Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors

benazepril
captopril
enalapril maleate
fosinopril
lisinopril
moexipril
quinapril
trandolapril

Other Antihypertensives

amlodipine/benazepril
atenolol/chlorthalidone
benazepril HCT
bisoprolol fumarate w/HCTZ
captopril w/HCTZ
enalapril maleate w/HCTZ
fosinopril w/HCTZ
lisinopril w/HCTZ
moexipril w/HCTZ
nadolol/bendroflumethiazide
quinapril w/HCTZ

Hypolipoproteinemia Medications

fenofibrate

Autonomic and CNS Medications

Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors

citalopram
paroxetine
fluoxetine
sertraline

Endocrine Medications

Oral Hypoglycemic Drugs

glimepiride
glipizide, glipizide ER
glyburide
metformin, metformin ER
metformin/glipizide
metformin/glyburide

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