



Maximize Your Prescription Drug Benefits.

Pharmacy benefits are some of the most expensive and frequently accessed health benefits. This information can help you use these benefits wisely, save money and stay healthy.

Pharmacy directory

To find a participating, in-network pharmacy, search our online pharmacy directory at ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/providerdirectory.

Generics offer the best value

Save money by asking your provider about generic medications. They are safe to use and just as effective as brand-name medications. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires rigorous testing of both generic and brand-name medications to ensure they are safe and effective.

Brand-name medications cost more for two reasons:

- 1) Research and Development – It costs a lot of money to conduct clinical trials to bring drugs to market.
- 2) Advertising – Drug companies spend money to advertise new drugs to the public. Generic manufacturers do not have to spend money on advertising or clinical trials, which means they can keep their prices much lower.

Medication approval process

Certain drugs require prior authorization before the medication is covered. Prior authorization is a process initiated by the prescribing medical provider, to determine appropriateness of some drugs before they are dispensed. To see a list of drugs that need prior authorization, review your formulary.

Convenient pharmacy access

Access a network of participating pharmacies including:

- **Participating retail pharmacies.** More than 34,000 pharmacies participate in our nationwide pharmacy network.
- **Preferred retail pharmacies.** A preferred retail pharmacy can fill a 30-day supply of a medication or provide up to a 90-day supply of maintenance medication. By filling a prescription at one of these pharmacies, you can usually pay less for your medication. Most major pharmacy chains are preferred retail pharmacies, including: Costco, Rite Aid, Target, Bi-Mart, Fred Meyer/Kroger/QFC and Walgreens.

97% of pharmacies in our network are preferred retail pharmacies. Filling a medication at a preferred retail pharmacy, including a 90-day supply of maintenance medications, will usually cost you less.

- **Mail order service.** You can also fill a 90-day supply of maintenance medications through our convenient mail order service. Prescriptions filled through either Postal Prescription Services or Walgreens Mail Service are delivered directly to your home.
- **Specialty pharmacy.** Specialty drugs are prescriptions that require special delivery, handling, administration and monitoring by a pharmacist. These prescriptions are typically expensive medications used to treat relatively rare conditions. They are listed on the Providence Health Plan formulary with a status of “specialty.”

Formulary information

Formularies are lists of FDA-approved drugs that are covered on a pharmacy plan. Medications are placed on a tier that determines your portion of the drug cost. Medications on the formulary are chosen by a Pharmacy and Therapeutics committee, a panel of experts that regularly reviews, manages and updates the formulary.

Search the online formulary to find a covered prescription

Here's how to search your plan formulary to determine if your prescription is a covered benefit, and if so, at which tier it is covered.

- 1) Visit ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/findmyformulary
- 2) Select which formulary applies to you, for example if you are enrolled in:
 - A small group Total, Total Enhanced, Balance or Connect plan, search Formulary B
 - An HSA plan, search Formulary F
 - A large group Option Advantage, Personal Option, Choice or Connect plan, search Formulary B
- 3) Enter the drug name, or part of the name, to search the formulary.
- 4) Search results will list drug details, such as the drug name, assigned tier, limits and restrictions, and alternatives, including less expensive options, if applicable.

Tip: You can also access your formulary by logging into your personal account at myProvidence.com, which eliminates the need to select a formulary.

Drug Name Search

Enter a drug name to begin

Disclaimer: Depending on your plan benefit, the cost share for brand name drugs with a generic equivalent may be greater than the tier status. Please see your benefit summary or contact the Pharmacy Department at (877)216-3644 for questions.

By Alphabet

Select a letter to view drugs starting with that letter

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Legend

T1 Preferred Generic

T2 Non-Preferred Generics

T3 Preferred Brand

T4 Non-Preferred Brand

T5 Specialty

T6 ACA Preventive

NF Non-Formulary

QL Quantity Limit

PA Prior Authorization

ST Step Therapy

LA Limited Access

C Custom

MED Medical Drug

AQ1 Age Quantity Limit

AQ2 Age Quantity Limit

SP Specialty

SH Safe Harbor

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Providence Health Plan is pleased to provide plan members with a comprehensive prescription drug formulary designed to promote safe, effective and affordable drug therapy

Search the formulary

There are a number of ways to see if your prescription is included in the formulary. You can search:

- Alphabetically;
- By entering a portion of the drug name

Prescription drug coverage

Generally, your prescription drug plan covers prescription drugs that:

- Are medically necessary;
- Are filled at an [in-network pharmacy](#); and that
- Meet the criteria described in your member materials, such as prior authorization and step-therapy, when needed.

Your member materials, including your prescription drug benefit summary, are available through [myProvidence](#) when you create a free account.

Formulary exceptions

There may be times when you require a medication that is not on the formulary. If you currently take a prescription drug that is not on the formulary, contact customer service to confirm the drug is not covered. If the prescription drug is not covered, your provider may request an exception be made.

More information

Visit the Providence Health Plan [Pharmacy Resources](#) page for more information about prescription drugs, including forms, articles, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Printable Files

The following files require Adobe Acrobat. [Download Adobe Acrobat](#)

[Printable Formulary](#)

[Prior Authorization](#)

[Step Therapy](#)

For more information about Providence Health Plan pharmacy services, call 503-574-7500, M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy.

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