

It pays to check drug prices

Did you know you can shop for the best price on your medicine? Take the time to check prices, and you may be able to pay less for your prescription drugs.

Drug prices can change often

Drug prices rise and fall, just like prices for gas or hotel rooms. Many things affect drug prices. The price of a drug may go down if lots of similar drugs are available. And if a drug is unique, it may be expensive.

Sometimes drug makers must change the price because their costs go up or down. And pharmacies may change prices based on their contracts with drug makers. Plus, some pharmacies offer promotions or discounts from time to time that can help you save.

Three ways to check your costs

Your prescription drug plan influences how much you pay for your medicine. Normally, you pay for part of the price of your drug. Your portion depends on your plan. Here are three easy ways to check how much your medicine will cost you.

Call us. You can get a price quote by calling the phone number on your member ID card. Simply provide:

- Drug name
- Strength
- Form (such as tablet or capsule)
- Quantity and days' supply (for example, 30 tablets per 30 days)



Go to [anthem.com](https://www.anthem.com).

- Log in and click on "Refill a Prescription." You will be sent to the Express Scripts website.*
- Choose the "My Prescription Plan" link in the left column.
- Click on "Price a Drug."
- Choose the person who will be taking the drug. Then, in the Drug Name box, type at least the first three letters of the name of the drug and click "Next." Select your drug and click "Next."
- Fill in the information, and click "Get Price."

You'll see how much your drug will cost if you choose to get it from a local pharmacy. You'll also see the price you'd pay if you use the Home Delivery Pharmacy, managed by Express Scripts. Often, you'll save the most money by choosing home delivery.

Visit your pharmacy. Before filling your drug, your pharmacist can tell you how much it will cost. If you think the cost is too high, talk to your doctor about other options.

*Express Scripts is the company that manages the operations of your drug plan. The first time you're directed to the Express Scripts website, you'll go through a brief registration. The purpose is to set your preferences for email and privacy. You'll do this only once.

Please do not go directly to the Express Scripts website. The only way to make sure you're viewing your pharmacy information correctly is by logging in to [anthem.com](https://www.anthem.com) first.