

Our automatic prescription discount program

Giving your employees access to more savings



Excellus BlueCross BlueShield is providing access to an automatic prescription discount program designed to assist our Commercial and Exchange members who currently pay 100% out of pocket for certain medications outside of their pharmacy benefit. As prescription drug costs continue to rise, we remain committed to offering innovative options to keep costs low and affordable for our members. The automatic prescription discount program provides discounts on medications outside a member's pharmacy benefit through a seamless and automated process that lets members and their dependents pay the lowest price possible for the medications they may need.

Keeping costs under control



The automatic prescription discount program:

- 1 Is a value-add program for members with no costs or enrollment required.
- 2 Enables members to save on their out-of-pocket costs for their medications not covered under their pharmacy benefits.
- 3 Minimizes member disruption using a seamless process at the point of sale while ensuring the medication goes through health and safety checks.

Automatic prescription discount program facts

- ✓ Provides seamless access to medications excluded from the benefit at both participating retailers and the Express Scripts® Pharmacy.
- ✓ The automatic prescription discount program is a value-added service that we offer to members with no enrollment or membership fees.
- ✓ Excellus BlueCross BlueShield retains visibility to claims that would otherwise reject, making more complete health and safety checks possible.
- ✓ All claims go through the same health and safety checks as any other medication under the plan.
- ✓ The automatic prescription discount program provides access to a wide range of federal legend drugs. The most common are vitamins, gastrointestinal medications, antihistamines, lifestyle drugs, and electrolyte/caloric/H₂O products. Many are over the counter (OTCs) products.
- ✓ The following are excluded: compounds, vaccines, control medications, specialty products, any drugs with plan coverage limitations, certain unit dose packaging, and certain clinical exclusions.
- ✓ Member to pay 100% of medication's cost.
- ✓ Any amount paid does not apply toward plan deductibles or maximums.
- ✓ Automatic prescription discount program claims process separately from the prescription plan so that they do not have any impact on drug trend or financials.

How it works

- 1 Members give a valid prescription to the pharmacy under their plan, just like they do today.
- 2 The medication is first adjudicated under the plan, but is plan excluded.
- 3 The claim does not reject minimizing disruption. If the drug's eligible, it automatically pays under the automatic prescription discount program.

Eligibility

Offered to: Commercial and Exchange plans

Not available for: Medicare, Safety Net, and Duals plans



The automatic prescription discount program is available to all of our Commercial and Exchange members. This program is automatically applied with no action required.

Should you have any questions, contact your Excellus BlueCross BlueShield account manager for more information.



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