

New Copays for TRICARE Pharmacy Customers  
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FALLS CHURCH, Va. - New copayments for prescription drugs covered by TRICARE (went) into effect on February 1, 2013. The Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Act requires TRICARE to increase copays on brand name and non-formulary medications that are not filled at military hospitals or clinics.

There is no increase to copays for generic medications.

TRICARE pharmacy copays vary based on the class of drug and where beneficiaries choose to fill their prescriptions. The copay for generic medications stays at \$5 when a prescription is filled at a network pharmacy. There is no copay when generic prescriptions are filled through TRICARE Home Delivery. The new copay for a 30-day supply of a brand name medication purchased at a retail network pharmacy will be \$17, up from the current \$12. Beneficiaries using TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery will pay \$13 for brand name drugs, up from \$9. However, the Home Delivery price is for a 90-day supply.

The greatest change in copays applies to non-formulary medications. The \$25 copay for these drugs increases to \$44 at retail pharmacies and \$43 through Home Delivery. The TRICARE Uniform Formulary is a list of all the medications TRICARE covers.

For fiscal 2014 and beyond, the new law directs that copays increase annually by the same percentage as retiree cost-of-living adjustments (COLA). In years when a COLA increase would total less than a dollar, it will be delayed a year and combined with the next adjustment so increases will always be \$1 or more.

NOTE: For more COLA related info, please visit <http://militaryadvantage.military.com/2013/01/2013-retiree-and-veteran-cola-announced/>

Pharmacies at military hospitals and clinics will continue to provide medications with no copays. See below or visit <http://www.TRICARE.mil/pharmacycosts> for more details.

#### Prescription Cost Information

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Prescription costs are based on the type of prescription and where it's filled.

##### 1. Military Pharmacy:

- a. \$0 copayment for up to a 90-day supply of most medications.
- b. Not all medications are available at military pharmacies. Call first to check availability.
- c. Non-formulary medications are not usually filled at military pharmacies.

##### 2. Home Delivery - You may receive up to a ninety (90) day supply for most prescriptions at the following costs:

- a. \$0 for generic formulary medications
- b. \$13 for brand-name formulary medications
- c. \$43 for non-formulary medications, unless you establish medical necessity.

NOTE: For more information on Getting Medical Necessity for Non-Formulary Drugs, please visit <http://www.tricare.mil/Prescriptions/Medications/Formulary/MedNecessity.aspx>

3. Network Pharmacy - You may receive up to a thirty (30) day supply of most medications at the following costs:

- a. \$5 for generic formulary medications
- b. \$17 for brand-name formulary medications
- c. \$44 for non-formulary medications, unless you establish medical necessity.

NOTES: (1) For more information on Getting Medical Necessity for Non-Formulary Drugs, please visit <http://www.tricare.mil/Prescriptions/Medications/Formulary/MedNecessity.aspx>

(2) If you want to have a 90-day prescription filled, you will pay the copayment for each 30-day supply.

4. Non-Network Pharmacy - You'll pay more to have prescriptions filled at non-network pharmacies (including host nation pharmacies) and costs vary based on your plan and the type of prescription.

- a. Active duty service members will receive a full reimbursement after they file a claim.
- b. All others enrolled in a Prime option pay 50% cost share after the point of service deductible is met.
- c. Beneficiaries using Standard/Extra, TRICARE Reserve Select, TRICARE Retired Reserve or TRICARE Young Adult pay:

(1) Formulary-Generic or Brand Name: \$17 or 20% of the total cost, whichever is greater, after the annual deductible is met

(2) Non-Formulary: \$44 or 20% of the total cost, whichever is greater, after the annual deductible is met

TRICARE provides a world-class pharmacy benefit and has partnered with Express-Scripts, Inc. for home delivery and retail network pharmacy services.

Register online at <http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/> to manage your prescriptions or download the free Mobile App at

<http://www.express-scripts.com/mobile/>. Following additional TRICARE prescription related information, services, etc., are also available online at the links indicated:

- Eligibility for Prescription Coverage <<http://www.tricare.mil/Prescriptions/Eligibility.aspx>>
- Filling Prescriptions <<http://www.tricare.mil/Prescriptions/FillPrescriptions.aspx>>
- Medications <<http://www.tricare.mil/Prescriptions/Medications.aspx>>
- Prescription Costs <<http://www.tricare.mil/Prescriptions/Costs.aspx>>
- Pharmacy Claims <<http://www.tricare.mil/Prescriptions/Claims.aspx>>
- Pharmacy Appeals <<http://www.tricare.mil/Prescriptions/Appeals.aspx>>
- Search the TRICARE Uniform Formulary <[http://pec.ha.osd.mil/formulary\\_search.php](http://pec.ha.osd.mil/formulary_search.php)>

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