

Prescription Cost-savings Strategies

Compare Brand Name to Generic Drugs

Talk to your doctor about switching to generic drugs or less expensive brand name drugs. The Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs (CRBBD) website provides reports on various drug categories. Each report reviews both the prices and scientific evidence of the drug's effectiveness. It then analyzes and compares drugs within that category to create CRBBD recommendations.

Samples

Ask your doctor for free samples of your prescriptions or discount cards.

Mail-order Pharmacy

Find out if using your health insurance plan's mail-order pharmacy would cost less.

Patient Assistance Programs

Contact the patient assistance programs that cover your drugs. The Partnership for Prescription Assistance is a nonprofit organization run by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America. It helps uninsured or low-income consumers get access to public and private prescription assistance programs. Needymeds.org also has information on medicine and patient assistance programs.

Shop Prices

Shop the prices for your prescriptions at multiple pharmacies.

Generic Drug Program

Check out the \$4 generic drug programs at various retail locations such as Walmart, Target, Meijer and Kroger.

Coupons and Rebates

Ask your doctor and pharmacist if they have any coupons or rebate offers for your prescriptions, or visit the manufacturer's website to request coupons by mail.

Medtipster

Be sure to visit our website at theHSAauthority.com to experience our cost-saving tool, **Medtipster**, where you can find prescription drugs available on discount generic programs across the country.