

How to save on tier 3 maintenance medication costs

OptumRx manages the pharmacy benefits for your plan.

We work with your health plan to help you get the medication you need and help find ways to keep your costs down. Did you know there are cost savings options for maintenance medications that fall under a tier 3 cost share?



A tier 3 cost share typically includes higher cost generic and brand-name drugs.

If you can't afford your copay, here's what you can do:

1. Call or visit your doctor to discuss your options.
 - Your doctor may switch you to the generic alternative, which uses the same active ingredient as the brand-name drug and is just as effective.
 - If a lower-cost drug will work for you, your doctor will need to write a prescription for the new drug(s).
2. If a lower cost drug will not work for you, you can ask your doctor to submit a tier exception request to OptumRx.
 - Your doctor will need to show that the drug(s) on a lower tier used to treat your condition are ineffective for you.
 - A tier exception is a way to request a lower cost-share.
 - OptumRx will review the request.
 - If approved, your drug(s) will be covered at the lower tier's cost-share.
 - The tier exception is good for one year. Mark your calendar and contact your prescriber before the end of the year to make sure you have no break in therapy.