

# Your Benefit Summary

## Prescription Drug Plan for PEBB Providence Choice members

### Important information about your plan

This summary provides only highlights of your pharmacy benefits. Certain limitations and exclusions apply. To view all your plan details, including your Member Handbook, register for [myProvidence](https://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pebb) at [www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pebb](https://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pebb).

- To find out how a drug is covered under your plan, view the complete formulary and pharmacy information available online at [www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com](https://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com) or call us.
- You have broad access to our network of participating pharmacies and their services at discounted rates. Pharmacies are designated as participating retail, preferred retail, specialty or mail-order pharmacies.
- View a list of participating pharmacies, including specialty pharmacies, at [www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com](https://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com) or call us.
- Not sure what a word or phrase means? See the back for the definitions used in this summary.
- Deductibles, copays and cost differences for prescription drugs do not apply to calendar year medical plan out-of-pocket maximums or deductibles.
- Your pharmacy deductible, copayments or coinsurance, apply to the medical calendar year in-network maximum cost share amounts indicated on your medical benefit summary.

Drug Coverage Category	Copay or Coinsurance			Calendar Year Deductible	Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum
	All Participating and Preferred Retail Pharmacies (for up to a 30-day supply)	All Mail Order and Preferred Retail Pharmacies (for up to a 90-day supply of maintenance prescriptions)	All Participating Specialty Pharmacies (for up to a 30-day supply of specialty drugs)		
Value drug	Covered in full	Covered in full	Does not apply	Does not apply	<b>\$1,000</b> per person <b>\$3,000</b> per family (3 or more)
Generic drug	\$10	\$25	\$100	<b>\$50</b> per person <b>\$150</b> per family (3 or more)	
Brand-name drug	\$30	\$75	\$100		

### What you need to know about drug coverage categories

- Both generic and brand-name drugs are covered subject to the terms of your plan.
- If the cost of your prescription is less than your copay, you will only be charged the cost of the prescription.
- If you or your provider request a brand-name drug when a generic is available, you will be responsible for paying the cost difference, in addition to your brand-name drug copay or coinsurance. This cost difference does not apply to the calendar year deductible, out-of-pocket maximum, or maximum cost share, unless the brand-name drug has been authorized through formulary exception.
- Compounded drugs are medications that are custom prepared by your pharmacist. These prescriptions must contain at least one Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved drug.
- Specialty drugs are prescriptions that require special delivery, handling, administration and monitoring by your pharmacist.
- If you take an eligible specialty medication, the Smart RxAssist program helps lower your out-of-pocket costs to \$0. The list of medications eligible for this program is available at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/smartrxassist](https://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/smartrxassist).
- Self-administered chemotherapy drugs are covered under your pharmacy benefits or your medical benefits, whichever allows for your lowest out-of-pocket cost. Please refer to your medical Benefit Summary for more information.
- Tobacco use cessation medications (bupropion and Chantix®), and over-the-counter nicotine gum and patches are covered in full.
- Fertility drugs are covered in full, deductible waived. Infertility diagnosis not required.

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## Using your prescription drug benefit

- Your prescription drug benefit requires that you fill your prescriptions at a participating pharmacy.
- Be sure you present your current Providence Health Plan member identification card, along with your copay or coinsurance when you use a participating pharmacy.
- You may be assessed multiple copayments for a multi-use or unit-of-use container or package depending on the medication and the number of days supplied.
- You may purchase up to a 90-day supply of maintenance drugs using a participating mail-service or preferred retail pharmacy. Not all drugs are considered maintenance prescriptions, including compounded drugs and drugs obtained from specialty pharmacies.
- Most specialty and chemotherapy drugs are only available at our designated specialty pharmacies. For more information, visit us online at [www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com](http://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com).
- Diabetes supplies may be obtained at your participating pharmacy, and are subject to your group's medical supplies and devices benefits, limitations, and coinsurance. See your Member Handbook for details.

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## Using your prescription drug formulary

- The Providence formulary is a list of FDA-approved prescription brand-name and generic drugs developed by physicians and pharmacists. It is designed to offer drug treatment choices for covered medical conditions.
- The formulary can help you and your physician choose effective medications that are less costly and minimize your out-of-pocket expense.
- Some prescription drugs require prior authorization for medical necessity, place of therapy, length of therapy, step therapy, or number of doses. If a drug to treat your covered medical condition is not in the formulary, please contact us.
- Effective generic drug choices are available to treat most medical conditions. Visit [www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com](http://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com) for answers to frequently asked questions about both generic drugs and the formulary.

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## Ordering prescriptions by mail

- To order prescriptions by mail, your provider may call in the prescription or you can mail your prescription along with your member identification number to one of our participating mail-order pharmacies.
- To find participating mail-order pharmacy information visit us online at [www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com](http://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com).

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## If you use a non-participating pharmacy

- Urgent or emergency medical situations may require that you use a non-participating pharmacy.
- If this occurs, you will need to pay full price for your prescription at the time of purchase. Reimbursement forms are available online.
- Reimbursement is subject to your plan's limitations and exclusions.

## Your guide to the words or phrases used to explain your benefits

### Brand-name drug

Brand name drugs are protected by U.S. patent laws for up to 17 years, so only the pharmaceutical company that holds the patent has exclusive rights to produce and sell them.

### Coinsurance

The percentage of the cost that you pay to a participating pharmacy, at the time of purchase, for a covered prescription drug.

### Compounded drug

The combining, mixing, or altering of covered drugs or other ingredients for a customized prescription for an individual as prescribed by a licensed provider.

### Copay

The fixed dollar amount you pay to a participating pharmacy, at the time of purchase, for a covered prescription drug.

### Deductible

The dollar amount that an individual or family pays for covered services before your plan pays any benefits within a calendar year. The following expenses do not apply to an individual or family deductible:

- Services not covered by your plan
- Services that exceed your plan's lifetime maximum benefit
- Fees that exceed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR) charges as established by your plan
- Penalties incurred if you do not follow your plan's prior authorization requirements

### Formulary

A formulary is a list of FDA-approved prescription drugs developed by physicians and pharmacists, designed to offer drug treatment choices for covered medical conditions. The Providence Health Plan formulary includes both brand-name and generic medications.

### Generic drug

Generic drugs have the same active-ingredient formula as the brand-name drug. Generic drugs are tested by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to be as safe and as effective as brand-name drugs. Generic drugs are only available after the brand-name patent expires. Visit [www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com](http://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com) for answers to frequently asked questions about generic drugs.

### Maintenance drug

Medications that are typically prescribed to treat long-term or chronic conditions, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Maintenance drugs are those that you have received under our plan for at least 30 days and that you anticipate continuing to use in the future. Not all drugs are considered maintenance prescriptions, including compounded drugs and drugs obtained from specialty pharmacies.

### Maximum Cost Share

Maximum Cost Share means the annual limit on cost sharing for Essential Health Benefits as established by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Deductibles, copayments and coinsurance paid by the member for Essential Health Benefit covered services received in-network apply to the Maximum Cost Share.

### Out-of-Pocket Maximum

The limit on the dollar amount you will have to spend for covered prescription drugs in a calendar year. Some services and expenses do not apply to the common out-of-pocket maximum. See your Member Handbook for details.

### Participating pharmacies

Pharmacies that have a signed contract with Providence Health Plan to provide medications and other services at special rates. There are four types of participating pharmacies:

- Retail: a participating pharmacy that allows up to a 30-day supply of short-term and maintenance prescriptions.
- Preferred Retail: a participating pharmacy that allows up to a 90-day supply of maintenance prescriptions and access to up to a 30-day supply of short-term prescriptions.
- Specialty: a participating pharmacy that allows up to a 30-day supply of specialty and self-administered chemotherapy prescriptions. These prescriptions require special delivery, handling, administration and monitoring by your pharmacist.
- Mail Order: a participating pharmacy that allows up to a 90-day supply of maintenance prescriptions and specializes in direct delivery to your home.

For a complete description of the types of services provided by participating pharmacies, see your Member Handbook.

### Prior authorization

The process used to request an exception to the Providence Health Plan drug formulary. This process is initiated by the prescriber of the medication. Some drugs require prior authorization for medical necessity, place of therapy, length of therapy, step therapy or number of doses. Visit [www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com](http://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com) for additional information.

### Self-administered chemotherapy

Oral, topical or self-injectable medications that are used to stop or slow the growth of cancerous cells.

### Value drug

A specified list of commonly used medications for treating chronic conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart disease, depression, asthma and other breathing disorders. These medications may be generic or brand name, and are considered first-line treatments for many conditions. They are on our formulary, and offered at your lowest copay or coinsurance.

### Contact us

Headquartered in Portland, our customer service professionals have been proudly serving our members since 1986.



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