2026 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan - Standard and Basic Option Section 5. Benefits
Section 5(f). Prescription Drug Benefits

• We have a managed formulary. Your provider may prescribe drugs that are subject to additional review to determine they are medically necessary. You may view our Standard Option and Basic Option formularies, which include the preferred drug list for each, on our website at www.fepblue.org, or call us at 888-338-7737, TTY: 711, for assistance.

Under Standard Option and Basic Option

Both formularies include lists of preferred drugs that are safe, effective and appropriate for our members, and are available at lower costs than non-preferred drugs. If you purchase a drug that is not on our preferred drug list, your cost will be higher. Your cooperation with our cost-savings efforts helps keep your premium affordable.

Note: Member cost-share for prescription drugs is determined by the tier to which a drug has been assigned. To determine the tier assignments for formulary drugs, we work with the CVS Caremark National Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, a group of physicians and pharmacists who are not employees or agents of, nor have any financial interest in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan. The committee meets quarterly to review new and existing drugs to assist us in our assessment.

Our payment levels are generally categorized as:

Tier 1: Includes generic drugs

Tier 2: Includes preferred brand-name drugs

Tier 3: Includes non-preferred brand-name drugs

Tier 4: Includes preferred specialty drugs

Changes to the formulary are not considered benefit changes.