








Core MA 5-Tier

Prescription Drug Coverage

Tier 1  Low-cost generic drugs and certain OTC medications	Tier 2  High-cost generic drugs	Tier 3  Preferred brand-name drugs and some high-cost generic drugs	Tier 4  Preferred specialty drugs and non-preferred brand-name drugs	Tier 5  Non-preferred specialty drugs and other high-cost brand-name and generic drugs
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Your Drug Coverage

What is covered?

- Most generic drugs
- Brand-name drugs without generic equivalents
- Certain over-the-counter medications

What is not covered?

- Most brand-name drugs with generic equivalents
- Cosmetic drugs
- Some brand-name and higher-cost generic drugs

Are there limitations on certain drugs?

Yes, we may limit the quantity of some drugs we cover. For example, you may be able to receive only a certain number of pills or doses.

Do some drugs require prior authorization?

Yes, certain drugs do require prior authorization. This process helps us ensure that you are using the most effective and safe medications for your health conditions. Your prescriber must request prior authorization on your behalf.

Can I request an exception?

Yes. If you need a drug that we either don't cover or limit, you or your provider can ask us for an exception. For details, visit harvardpilgrim.org/rx. Choose the year and then **Core MA 5-Tier** for information on exceptions.

What is step therapy?

Step therapy is a process that requires you to first try one drug for a medical condition before we cover another drug for that condition. For example, if Drug A and Drug B both treat the same medical condition, we may require you to try Drug A first. If Drug A does not work, then we will cover Drug B.*

How can I learn more?

Use our online Prescription Drug List to find out which drugs we cover. It will show you which ones have quantity limits or require prior authorization or step therapy. Visit harvardpilgrim.org/rx, choose the year and then **Core MA 5-Tier** to find out how your drugs are covered.

What kinds of over-the-counter medications are available in Tier 1?

Tier 1 includes certain cough, cold and allergy medicines; skin treatments (dermatology); stomach medicines (gastrointestinal); pain relievers; and eye preparations (ophthalmic).

How can I get an over-the-counter medication covered under my prescription drug benefit?

Visit harvardpilgrim.org/rx and choose the year and then **Core MA 5-Tier**. Use the Prescription Drug Lookup to find out which over-the-counter medications are included in Tier 1. Ask your provider to write a prescription for the generic version and have it filled at a participating pharmacy.

*If you have already tried Drug A or are unable to try Drug A, an exception may be granted.



Filling Your Prescriptions

Where can I get my prescriptions filled?

You can get your prescriptions filled at any of the more than 68,000 retail pharmacies that belong to our national participating pharmacy network. To confirm whether your pharmacy is in the network, visit [harvardpilgrim.org/rx](https://www.harvardpilgrim.org/rx), choose the year and then **Core MA 5-Tier** to find participating pharmacies.

Can I get a 90-day supply?

If you take maintenance medications (i.e., ones you take continually for conditions such as heart disease, diabetes or depression), you can get a 90-day supply from many retail pharmacies or through our mail order program. Although most maintenance medications are appropriate for mail order, we may exclude drugs from the program for clinical reasons or to prevent potential waste.

To learn more, visit [harvardpilgrim.org/rx](https://www.harvardpilgrim.org/rx), choose the year and then **Core MA 5-Tier** for details. Depending on your coverage, your cost sharing may be lower when you get these drugs through the mail order program.

If you have questions about your prescription drugs, please speak with your doctor.

Learn more at [harvardpilgrim.org/rx](https://www.harvardpilgrim.org/rx) or call 888-333-4742 TTY: 711.

What if I take specialty medications?

If you take medications for conditions such as hepatitis C, multiple sclerosis or rheumatoid arthritis, your provider must order your prescriptions through our designated specialty pharmacy. Visit [harvardpilgrim.org/rx](https://www.harvardpilgrim.org/rx) for information on our specialty pharmacy program, choose the year and then **Core MA 5-Tier** for details.

What do I pay for my medications?

Depending on your plan, your payments — also called “cost sharing” — may include a combination of copayments, coinsurance and a deductible. Refer to the Prescription Drug Coverage insert or Schedule of Benefits to find out what you will pay when you pick up prescriptions at the pharmacy.