

Drug Type Descriptions

Generic Preventative Drugs	<p>Generally, preventive drugs are prescribed to prevent the occurrence of a disease in someone who has developed risk factors or to prevent the reoccurrence of a disease from which the individual has recovered. Generic forms of these medications are covered at 100 percent by all Purdue medical plans.</p>
Generic Drugs	<p>When a drug company's patent on a particular drug expires, other companies can begin producing the exact same drug but can't use the original brand name. The other companies refer to the drug by its chemical, or generic, name. Generic drugs contain the exact same active ingredients as the brand name drug and must pass U.S. Food and Drug Administration standards for safety and effectiveness. Generic drugs generally cost 25 percent to 60 percent less than the brand name equivalent. Using generics saves money for you and the medical plan.</p>
Preferred Brand Name Drugs	<p>Drugs on the preferred list are brand names that have been identified as excellent values, both clinically and financially. Before a drug can be designated as a preferred brand name, a committee of independent doctors and pharmacists evaluates the drug to be sure it meets standards for safety, effectiveness and cost.</p>
Non-Preferred Brand-Name Drugs	<p>Some brand name drugs cost more than others, even though they have the same therapeutic effects as less expensive brand name drugs. These more expensive drugs are on the “non-preferred brand name drug” list.</p>
Specialty Drugs	<p>Drugs in this category are typically high-cost medications that require special handling, administration or monitoring. These medications require prior authorization and must be ordered through the specialty pharmacy. Purdue partners with Archimedes to administer specialty medications. The specialty pharmacy that will actually be providing the medications to you is called AcariaHealth. Your medication will be sent to you by home delivery with 24/7 access to pharmacists and nurses. Oftentimes, there are copay assistance programs* that are available from drug manufacturers to help cover the cost of these medications, and Archimedes will help find these and other ways to ensure you get the medications you need at the lowest costs possible.</p> <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Archimedes via email at memberservices@archimedesrx.com or by calling 888-318-0445. • Contact the specialty pharmacy, AcariaHealth, at 844-484-6926. <p>*Copay assistance program discounts do not apply to the deductible and out of pocket on any of the Purdue University health plans.</p>