



Maine Municipal
Employees Health Trust

What do the prescription tiers mean?

Tier 1-Select Generic drugs have the lowest Copay. These Select Generic drugs offer the greatest value within a therapeutic class. Select Generics are the most commonly prescribed and proven generic medications that are known for effectiveness and value in treating many medical conditions. All of these are generic equivalents of brand name drugs.

Tier 1-Standard drugs have the second lowest Copay. These drugs offer the good value within a therapeutic class. Some of these are generic equivalents of brand name drugs.

Tier 2 drugs have a mid-range Copay. These drugs may be preferred brand drugs and possibly newer, more expensive generic drugs based on clinical effectiveness and value.

Tier 3 drugs have a higher Copay. These drugs may be higher cost brand name drugs and some generics that may cost more than therapeutically equivalent drugs. These drugs may include medications recently approved by the FDA.

Tier 4-Specialty and Lifestyle drugs have the highest Copay. These Specialty and Lifestyle drugs may be the highest cost brand name drugs and some generics that may cost more than therapeutically equivalent drugs. These drugs may include medications recently approved by the FDA. Specialty drugs are most commonly prescribed to treat complex, chronic conditions and may require special handling and/or management. Lifestyle drugs are most commonly prescribed to treat impotency.

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