

Prescription Drug Tools



Formulary type and cost estimators:

Your plan through Sentara Health Plans has an **open formulary**. You can view the prescription drugs available in each formulary as well as their price by following the steps listed below:

- Visit **sentarahealthplans.com/members/find-doctors-drugs-and-facilities**.
- Select the *Drug and Pharmacy Search* button under *Drugs and Medications* and choose *Employer Plans*.
- If you don't see your specific group, select *Sentara Health Plans Open Formulary*.
- If your plan has tiered drug copayments, refer to the formulary's drug tier to estimate your copayment.
- If you have a plan with a health savings account (HSA), click the *Price a Medication* box to estimate your cost while you are in your deductible phase.

Preventive drug list:

If you have a plan with an HSA, some preventive drugs may be covered before you meet your deductible. To view which drugs are covered as preventive, click the link below to view:

- **[Sentara Health Plans Preventive Drug List](#)**

Drug authorization:

Please note that some drugs require prior authorization from Sentara Health Plans to be covered. **For members who are new to the plan, Sentara Health Plans will temporarily waive prior authorization requirements for members taking drugs that would usually require prior authorization. Your prescription must be filled within 90 days after your plan becomes effective.**

There are some exceptions to the 90-day limit.

Sentara Health Plans representatives can help you with your transition. After the 90-day period, if you begin taking a new medication that requires prior authorization, you will need to work with your doctor and pharmacist for approvals. Follow the steps below to access prior authorization criteria:

- Visit **sentarahealthplans.com/providers/authorizations**.
- Select *Drug Authorizations (Pharmacy and Medical)*.
- Choose *Employer Plans*.

Authorization forms are alphabetically listed by drug name (e.g., weight management drugs are under *W*).

Additional tips:

- GoodRx or manufacturers coupons may be used at the time of purchase.
- GoodRx doesn't run through your benefit plan. Your cost using a GoodRx card may be cheaper than running a claim through your benefit plan.
- Many large chain pharmacies will tap into available manufacturers' coupons (with or without also applying your benefit plan). This is built into their systems.
- Your pharmacist may note that the "plan did not cover," which means that there was no cost for the benefit plan to aid in your purchase because the cost of the drug was less than your copayment.
- The cost of your drug is less than the copayment or the actual discounted cost of the prescription.
- If you take a specialty medication, we suggest you connect with our clinical care services team. Contact member services at the number on the back of your member ID card for assistance.

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