

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

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Manufacturer coupons encourage higher cost options

Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Care Network of Michigan

House Bill 4350: Limit use of coupon when a lower priced, equally effective generic is available.

House Bill 4353: Requires plans to count pharmaceutical manufacturer coupon values toward a patient's out-of-pocket maximum or other cost sharing requirements.

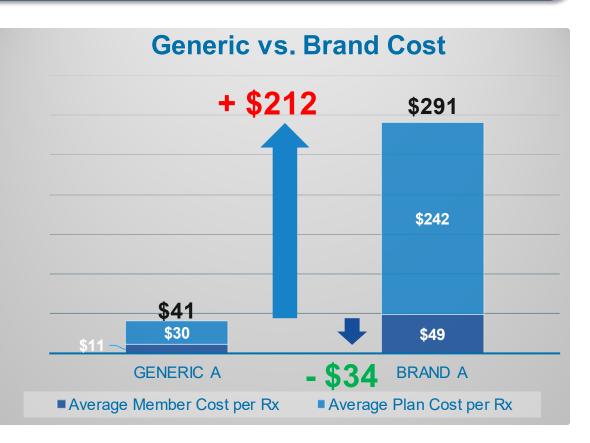
What is a coupon?

Coupons can encourage the use of higher cost brand-name drugs when equally effective, less costly generics are available – adding to the overall cost of health care.

Example:

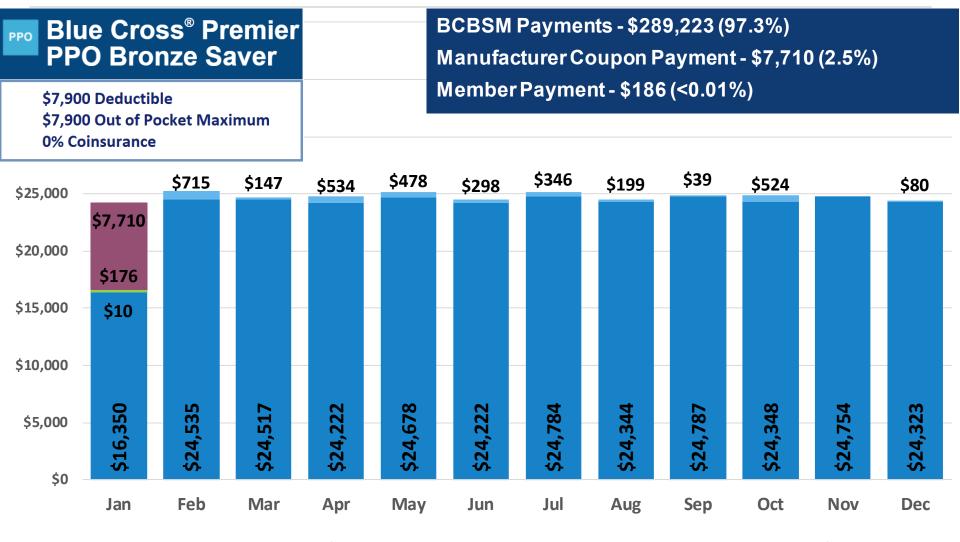
Brand A Coupon reduces member cost from \$49 to \$15 (down \$34).

Increases health system costs by an additional \$212.



Manufacturer drug coupons





BCBSM Payments Rx (Total = \$285,864)

Member Payments Rx (Total = \$10)

Manufacturer Coupons (Total = \$7,710)

BCBSM Payments Medical (Total = \$3,359)
Member Payments Medical (Total = \$176)

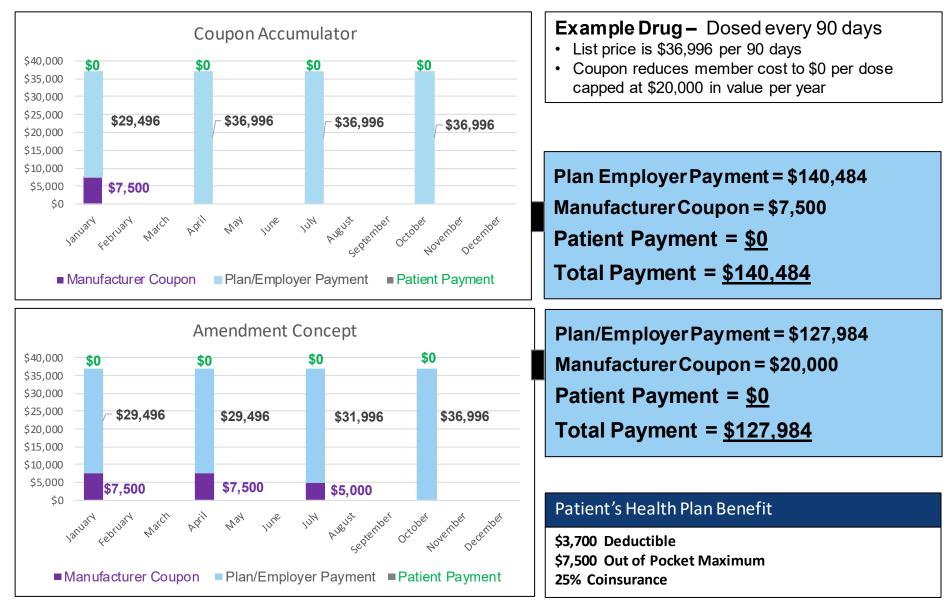


Drug Name	Manufacturer	Estimated Monthly Cost	Estimated Annual Treatment Cost	Coupon Available	Coupon Resource
Hemlibra™	Genentech	\$43,133	\$517,596	\$5 per month up to \$15,000 annually	<u>Website</u>
Vitrakvi [®]	Bayer	\$32,800	\$393,600	\$0 per month up to \$25,000 annually	<u>Website</u>
Pemazyre [®]	Incyte Corporation	\$17,000	\$204,000	\$5 per month up to \$15,000 annually	<u>Website</u>
Trodelvy™	Immunomedics	\$16,576	\$198,912	\$0 per month up to \$25,000 annually	<u>Website</u>
Tabrecta™	Novartis	\$20,289	\$243,4	\$0 per month up to \$15,000 annually	<u>Website</u>
Retevmo [®]	Lilly	\$20,600	\$247,200	\$0 per month up to \$25,000 annually	<u>Website</u>

Cost estimates are based on wholesale acquisition cost (WAC)

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