Prescription Drugs

Which Prescription Drugs can I Afford?

A. A **formulary** is a list of drugs your insurance covers

It has four levels or tiers:

Level 1: Generic drugs
These are the most afforable

\$ Level 2: Low-cost brand-name drugs
These cost a bit more

\$ \$ \$ Level 3: Brand-name drugs

These cost even more than level 1 and 2 drugs

\$ \$ \$ \$ Level 4: Specialty drugs

These cost the most, they are for rare health problems

If you need a prescription drug now, there may be financial help.

Call **2-1-1**. Ask for help paying for your prescriptions

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B. If your insurance won't pay for the drug:

Call your insurance company and ask:

- How you can get the prescription drug you need covered
- How to file an **appeal** if they can't help

An **appeal** is when you fill out forms to tell the insurance company why they should cover the medicine or service you need.

How to get affordable prescription drugs:

Ask your doctor:

• If generic drugs can be used for your health problem.



Ask your pharmacist:

• Which drugs are covered and how much they cost.



 If the company that makes the drug has financial help available and how to apply





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