

Generic equivalents

2023 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan - FEP Blue Focus Section 5(f). Prescription Drug Benefits Generic equivalents

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Generic equivalent drugs have the same active ingredients as their brand-name equivalents. By filling your prescriptions (or those of family members covered by the Plan) at a Preferred retail pharmacy or through the Specialty Drug Pharmacy Program, you authorize the pharmacist to substitute any available U.S. FDA-approved generic equivalent, unless you or your physician specifically request a brand-name drug. However, if there is a generic substitution available and you or your provider requests a brand-name drug, you will be responsible for the applicable cost-share plus the difference in the costs of the brand-name and generic drugs. Keep in mind that FEP Blue Focus members **must use Preferred pharmacies in order to receive benefits**. See page [130](#) for more information about generic alternatives and generic equivalents.