



**\$0 COPAYMENT TIER NOW INCLUDES
GENERIC ORAL ANTI-DIABETIC MEDICATIONS
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013**

Dear Valued Member:

In an effort to encourage safe and cost-effective use of medication, the City of Bryan is adding, effective January 1, 2013, generic oral antidiabetic medications for a \$0 copay. These medications are commonly used to control high blood sugar for the treatment of diabetes at no cost to you.

There are a number of generic oral antidiabetic medications covered for \$0 copay!

Drug Type	Brand Drug Name*	Generic Drug Name*
Biguanides	Glucophage (XR), Glumetza, Fortamet, Riomet	metformin
Sulfonylureas	Amaryl, Micronase, Diabeta, Glycron, Glucotrol (XL), Glynase, Orinase, Tol-Tab, Tolinase, Diabinase, Insulase, Glurenorm, Glizid, Glyloc, Glimpid	tolbutamide, chlorpropamide, tolazamide, glyburide, glipizide, gliclazide, gliquidone, glimepiride
Thiazolidinediones	Actos	pioglitazone
<i>*This list is not all inclusive. Contact CVS/Caremark Customer Service at 1-866-260-4646 for questions about your specific medication.</i>		

This means that if you are currently taking a brand-name medication, such as those listed above, you will have the opportunity to try a generic alternative for a zero copayment.

If you have tried a generic medication that has not worked for you, then you and your doctor can determine what alternative medication is best for you. If you are already taking one of the medications listed above, your prescription refill after January 1, 2013, will reflect the new \$0 copay.

In order to take advantage of this benefit, simply call your physician's office and ask if one of the generic medications listed above will work for you. If your physician agrees, then ask for a new prescription and take the prescription to your local pharmacy or mail it to CVS Caremark mail service. Please note that the prescription must be written for one of the generic drugs listed above in order for the medication to be covered by your plan at \$0 copay.

If you have any questions about this change or need additional information, please call the CVS/Caremark customer service department at 1-866-260-4646. Representatives are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist you.

Sincerely,

The City of Bryan

\$0 COPAY for GENERIC ORAL ANTIDIABETIC MEDICATION

Questions & Answers

Why did the City implement this program?

The \$0 copay generic oral antidiabetic medication program is being implemented to help manage the rising costs of prescription drugs and to ensure the safe and cost-effective use of medications. This program offers the option to use a generic alternative, which saves both the members and plan money.

My doctor prescribed a brand-name medication. What should I do?

If you are currently taking a brand-name antidiabetic medication, call your doctor and tell him or her that you have received a letter about this new program. Ask them whether one of the oral generic antidiabetics is a good alternative and appropriate for you to take instead of one of the more expensive brand medications. If yes, then ask for a new prescription.

Is the City doing this to save money?

This program is designed to help slow the rising cost of prescription drugs and to increase awareness of generic options. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), a generic drug is the same as a brand-name drug in dosage, safety, strength, quality, the way it works, the way it is taken, and the way it should be used.

I tried a generic alternative last year and it didn't work. Do I need to try it again?

No, you are not required to try a generic alternative again. If your doctor has determined that you have tried a generic oral antidiabetic alternative without success, he or she can provide you with a prescription for any of the brand-name medications without a prior authorization. You will have to pay the brand or generic copay associated with your medication.