

## MPDP Generic equivalents

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### 2025 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan - FEP Blue Focus

#### Section 5(f). Prescription Drug Benefits

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- **A generic equivalent will be dispensed if it is available** unless your physician specifically requires a brand name drug. If you receive a brand name drug when an FDA approved generic drug is available, and your physician has not specified Dispense as Written for the brand name drug, you have to pay the difference in cost between the brand name drug and the generic.
- **Why use generic drugs.** 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. Keep in mind that FEP Blue Focus members **must use network pharmacies in order to receive benefits**. See Section 10 for our definitions of generic alternatives and generic equivalents.