

How to pull the Blue Shield Drug Formulary



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select 'Be well'



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From 'Be Well' menu
select 'Pharmacy'

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Blue California website. The logo 'blue california' is on the left. The navigation menu includes 'Shop plans', 'Be well', 'Get more', and 'Find a doctor'. A 'Log in / Create account' button is on the right. Below the navigation bar, a dark blue menu bar contains 'Overview', 'Live healthy', 'Conditions & care programs', and 'Pharmacy'. The 'Pharmacy' option is highlighted with a red box. Below this menu bar is a large banner with the text 'Everyday resources for healthy living.' and a photograph of a man holding a baby. At the bottom, three blue buttons are visible: 'Live healthy' with a lotus icon, 'Conditions and care programs' with a heart icon, and 'Pharmacy' with a pill bottle icon.

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Everyday resources for healthy living.

Live healthy

Conditions and care programs

Pharmacy

Select 'Large Group plans 101+ employee group'



Pharmacy

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Drug formularies

Learn about prescription drug coverage including formulary status and preferred generic and brand-name medications covered under your outpatient prescription drug benefit.

Our prescription drug formularies are updated monthly. Formulary change announcements are updated quarterly, read about the [recent changes](#).

Have questions? Check out [drug formulary FAQs](#).



Find drugs covered by plan

Large group plans 101+ employee groups	Small group plans 1-100 employee groups	Individual and Family Plans IFP and Covered California
Medicare plans Part D		

To obtain a formulary list,
select '2019 Plus drug formulary (PDF, 12.1MB)'

To search by drug name,
select '2019 Plus drug formulary search'

2019 Plus Drug Formulary for the following Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) plans: Shield Spectrum PPOSM, Full PPO, Full PPO Savings, Access+ HMO[®], Added Advantage POSSM, Local Access+ HMO[®], Tandem PPO, Trio HMO

- [2019 Plus drug formulary](#) (PDF, 12.1MB)
- [2019 Plus drug formulary search](#)
- [Specialty Drug List](#) (PDF, 69KB)
- [Preventive drug list](#) (PDF, 40KB)
- [Contraceptive drug list](#) (PDF, 56KB)
- [Vaccine list](#) (PDF, 348KB)
- [Value-Based Tier Drug list](#) (PDF, 125KB)

Enter a drug name to begin

Drug Name Search ▼

Enter a drug name to begin

- By Therapeutic Class ▼
- Please select a therapy subclass to continue*
- A
- ANALGESICS**
- NONSTEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS
 - OPIOID ANALGESICS, LONG-ACTING
 - OPIOID ANALGESICS, SHORT-ACTING
- ANESTHETICS**
- LOCAL ANESTHETICS
- ANTI-ADDICTION/SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AGENTS**
- ALCOHOL DETERRENENTS/ANTI-CRAVING
 - OPIOID DEPENDENCE TREATMENTS
 - OPIOID REVERSAL AGENTS
 - SMOKING CESSATION AGENTS

Large Groups (101+ employees) – PLUS Drug Formulary

Welcome





We cover both brand name drugs and generic drugs. Generic drugs have the same active-ingredient formula as a brand name drug. Generic drugs usually cost less than brand name drugs and are rated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to be as safe and effective as brand name drugs.

What is a Formulary?

A formulary is a list of covered drugs which represents the prescription therapies believed to be a necessary part of a quality treatment program. We will generally cover the drugs listed in our formulary as long as the drug is medically necessary, the prescription is filled at a network pharmacy, and other plan rules are followed. For more information on how to fill your prescriptions, please review your Evidence of Coverage.

Printable Files

The following files require Adobe Acrobat. [Download Adobe Acrobat](#)

-  [Printable Formulary](#)
-  [Prior Authorization](#)
-  [Step Therapy](#)
-  [Formulary Change History](#)

Legend

As an example, we entered Atorvastatin (generic for Lipitor).

- Search for the dosage of your prescription (i.e., 10mg, 20mg, etc.)
- Select Legend to define the requirements and limits

Drug Name Search

Enter a drug name to begin
atorvastatin calcium

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Please select a therapy subclass to continue

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OPIOID REVERSAL AGENTS

Drug Details

START OVER

CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS > DYSLIPIDEMICS, HMG COA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS

PRESCRIPTION DRUG NAME	DRUG TIER	COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITS	OTHER DRUGS IN CLASS	DETAILS
atorvastatin 10 mg tablet	T1	ACA Preventive Health QLC 1 tab/day	Other Drugs In Class	🔍
atorvastatin 20 mg tablet	T1	ACA Preventive Health QLC 1 tab/day	Other Drugs In Class	🔍
atorvastatin 40 mg tablet	T1	QLC		

Legend

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Legend

TIERING

T1 - tier 1

T2 - tier 2

T3 - tier 3

T4 - tier 4

NF - Non-Formulary or
Exclusion (check EOC)

EDITS

PA - Prior Authorization

ST - Step Therapy

GL - Gender Limit

AL1 - Age Limit

LA - Limited Access

RO - Retail Only

C - Custom

S - Specialty Drug

ACA - Affordable Care Act

QLC - Quantity Limit
(Custom)

OAC - Oral Anti-Cancer
Drug

You may also view:

- Specialty drug list
- Preventive drug list
- Contraceptive drug list
- Vaccine drug list
- Maintenance drug list

Specialty drug list: Refer to this specialty drug list for specialty drugs that are only available through a Blue Shield Network Specialty Pharmacy. Select drugs may not be available for distribution through the Network Specialty Pharmacy in which case it may be obtained through a non-network specialty pharmacy.

Preventive drug list: Refer to this preventive drug list to see drugs for which health reform requires coverage at \$0 member share of cost.

Contraceptive drug list: Refer to this contraceptive drugs list to see drugs and devices covered at \$0 member share of cost.

Vaccine drug list: For eligible non-grandfathered plans, refer to this vaccine list for vaccines covered at participating retail pharmacies and to locate pharmacies available for vaccine administration.

Value-Based Tier Drug List: For select Blue Shield plans with the Value-Based Tier Drug (VBTD) benefit, refer to this list for drugs that are covered at no charge, or at an otherwise reduced cost-share. Refer to your Evidence of Coverage or Certificate of Insurance to determine if you have this benefit.

[Maintenance drug list \(PDF, 227KB\):](#) For members with a mandatory mail service or maintenance drug benefit, refer to this maintenance list for drugs that you should fill at the mail service pharmacy. Blue Shield's mail service pharmacy may also fill other maintenance drugs not listed.