

# Non-Preferred Brand Medication Copays Effective Jan. 1, 2020

**Starting Jan. 1, 2020**, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Nebraska members will be assessed a \$3 copay at the pharmacy for non-preferred brand medications. Preferred generic and brand medications will continue to be provided with \$0 copay.

## What This Means

Most members using non-preferred, brand-name medications will be affected by this change beginning Jan. 1, 2020. Preferred generic and brand drugs will continue to be provided to our members with no copay or out-of-pocket cost.

Please refer to UnitedHealthcare's Preferred Drug List (PDL) to find preferred generic and brand medications. You can access UnitedHealthcare's PDL at [UHCprovider.com/NEcommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/NEcommunityplan) > Pharmacy Resources and Physician-Administered Drugs.

## Exempt Members

Some members may be exempt from paying copays. This exemption is determined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The health plan doesn't make this determination. Examples of those who may be exempt from copays include members who are:

- Ages 18 or younger
- Pregnant, and for 60 days after the pregnancy ends
- In an inpatient hospital
- In a long-term care facility
- In any facility where most of their income is spent on personal needs for medical costs
- Living in a residential facility, adult family home or center for the developmentally disabled
- Native Americans getting services from an Indian Health Center
- Receiving waiver services under a 1915(c) waiver
- Receiving assistance from the state disability program

You can verify a member's copay status by contacting the Nebraska Medicaid Eligibility System (NMES) at 877-255-3092 or by calling Provider Services at **877-842-3210**.

## Next Steps

Please encourage your patients who are our plan members to use products on the PDL and provide them with a new prescription for these items.



**We're Here to Help.** If you have questions, please call Provider Services at **877-842-3210**. Thank you.