

ATTENTION - All Employees Enrolled in the State of Maryland Prescription Drug Plan (Catalyst Rx)

GREAT NEWS:

Effective September 1, 2009, the copayment for specific classes of generic drugs will be reduced to zero dollars (\$0 or FREE) at both retail and mail order pharmacies. The five drug classes including some examples of generic drugs covered under this program are listed in the chart below:

HMG CoA Reductase Inhibitors (Statins)	High Cholesterol	simvastatin (generic Zocor) pravastatin (generic Pravachol)
Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors (ACEIs)	High Blood Pressure	lisinopril (generic Zestril) lisinopril/HCTZ (generic Zestoretic) enalapril (generic Vasotec) enalapril/HCTZ (generic Vaseretic)
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)	Ulcer/GERD	omeprazole (generic Prilosec)
Inhaled Corticosteroids	Asthma	budesonide (generic Pulmicort Respules)
Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs)	Depression	fluoxetine (generic Prozac) paroxetine (generic Paxil) sertraline (generic Zoloft) citalopram (generic Celexa)

***The standards of quality are the same for generics as brand-name. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires that all drugs be safe and effective. When a generic drug product is approved and on the market, it has met the rigorous standards established by the FDA with respect to identity, strength, quality, purity and potency.**

If you are currently taking a brand name medication in one of these drug classes, please consult with your physician to determine if a generic alternative is appropriate.

The campus community will be notified as additional information is received and it will also be posted on our website.