



# Take advantage of reduced fees on prescription medication, and other value-adds!

### **Get** more from your coverage

As a plan member, you have access to preferred pricing through participating providers.

By filling your prescriptions with the listed providers below, you will have access to lower dispensing fees, lower ingredients cost and exclusive perks from each provider. Over the long-term these savings will be invested back into the benefit plan, making sure members and their eligible dependents can get the best benefit coverage possible.



### Participating stores provide you with:



#### LOWER DISPENSING FEES

Avoid the hassle of shopping around for lower fees every time you fill a prescription.

Participating providers provide reduced dispensing fees.

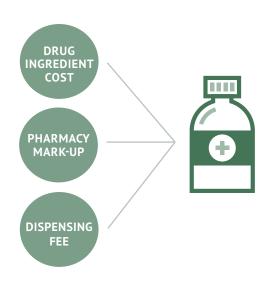


#### **REDUCED PHARMACY MARK-UP**

Industry reporting shows pharmacies can charge up to 15-30% above the ingredient cost of the drug.

Participating providers provide a reduced drug mark-up of between 8% and 11%.

**Contact your Benefits Consultant** to find out more.



## **Prescription drug costs**

Prescription drug costs vary from pharmacy to pharmacy, depending on the mark-up and dispensing fee.

- The drug ingredient cost is the amount a pharmacist pays to buy the drug.
- The pharmacy mark-up refers to any additional amount a pharmacy may charge for a drug, above the original drug cost. The mark-up is applied to help pay for the costs of running the pharmacy.
- The dispensing fee is the amount pharmacies charge for their professional services when they fill a prescription.

Pharmacy	Average dispensing fee	
All Pharmacies	\$11.91	
Canada Safeway	\$11.84	
Costco	\$3.89	
Independent	\$13.46	
Sobeys	\$8.83	
London Drugs	\$8.41	
Pharma Plus	\$9.97	
Pharmasave	\$12.51	
Rexall	\$9.97	
Shoppers Drug Mart	\$11.87	
Metro	\$5.99	
Walmart	\$9.97	
Loblaws	Loblaws \$10.35	

### Dispensing fees

Choosing a pharmacy with a low dispensing fee helps the status of the benefit plan expenses and the overall cost of your medication.

All pharmacies charge a dispensing fee but there's no set standard so the fee may vary significantly from pharmacy to pharmacy.

Note: Data based on 2019 Drug Survey Report.

### **Preferred providers**

	Metro and Food Basics	Rexall and Pharma Plus	Sobeys
Regions	ON	ON, BC, AB, SK, MB	ON, BC, AB, SK, MB, NB, NS, NL
Total stores	74	447	426
Average dispensing fees	\$10.49	\$12.99	\$11.20
Preferred dispensing fees	\$5.99	\$9.97	\$8.83
Additional value adds	Coupons exclusive to members issued periodically	Exclusive savings card that gives you 20% off of 4,000+ Rexall-branded products	Air Miles promotions in store and when checking out