



**Individual and Group Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plans (MAPD); Individual and Group Prescription Drug Plans (PDP)  
2025 Plans with Retail Network Pharmacies that Offer Preferred Cost-Sharing  
Frequently Asked Questions  
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Blue Shield of California's retail pharmacy network includes two types of pharmacies – those that offer standard cost-sharing and those that offer preferred cost-sharing. Members can lower their drugs costs by filling their prescriptions at network pharmacies that offer preferred cost-sharing.

The following 2025 plans have retail pharmacy networks that include pharmacies with both standard cost-sharing and preferred cost-sharing:

- Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) – in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego, Kern, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara Counties
- Blue Shield 65 Plus Choice Plan (HMO) – in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties
- Blue Shield 65 Plus Plan 2 (HMO) – in Los Angeles and Orange Counties
- Blue Shield Inspire (HMO) – in Los Angeles, Orange, Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced Counties
- Blue Shield Select (PPO) – in Alameda, Orange, and San Diego Counties
- Blue Shield Advantage Optimum Plan (HMO) – in Los Angeles and Orange Counties
- Blue Shield Advantage Optimum Plan 1 (HMO) – in San Diego County
- Blue Shield Rx Plus (PDP) - available statewide
- Blue Shield Rx Enhanced (PDP) - available statewide
- Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) (Group MAPD HMO, both calendar year and non-calendar year renewal)
- Blue Shield Medicare (PPO) (Group MAPD PPO, both calendar year and non-calendar year renewal)
- CCPOA Medical Plan Medicare (PPO) (Group MAPD PPO, calendar year renewal)
- Blue Shield of California Medicare Rx Plan (PDP) (Group PDP, both calendar year and non-calendar year renewal)

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

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**1. What is a network pharmacy that offers preferred cost-sharing?**

Our retail pharmacy network includes two types of pharmacies – those that offer standard cost-sharing and those that offer preferred cost-sharing. Members may go to either type of network pharmacy to receive their covered prescription drugs. However, members will usually be able to obtain covered prescriptions for less at retail network pharmacies that offer preferred cost-sharing. The plan website and the *Pharmacy Directory* will show which network retail pharmacies offer preferred cost-sharing.

**2. Which network pharmacies offer preferred cost-sharing?**

Network pharmacies that offer preferred cost-sharing include (but is not limited to):



Albertsons/Osco/Savon pharmacies

**Costco**

You do not need to be a Costco member to use Costco pharmacies.

**CVS Pharmacy**

Including CVS Pharmacy at Target



**Ralphs**

Safeway and Vons pharmacies



**Walmart**



- The full list of pharmacies is available on our plan website at: [blueshieldca.com/medpharmacy2025](http://blueshieldca.com/medpharmacy2025) (be sure to select the applicable plan)

**3. Can members access a network pharmacy that offers preferred cost-sharing in another state?**

Yes. Members enrolled in the plans above can access network chain pharmacies that offer preferred cost-sharing in any state, nationwide.

**4. What options are available to find the closest network pharmacies that offer preferred cost-sharing?**

- Use the Pharmacy Locator tool at [blueshieldca.com/medpharmacy2025](http://blueshieldca.com/medpharmacy2025) (be sure to select the applicable plan)
- If members have any questions or would like to request a printed *Pharmacy Directory*, they can call the number on the back of their member ID card

**5. Can members fill their prescriptions for an extended day supply\*?**

Yes. The plans listed above include a benefit for an extended-day supply of

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maintenance medications at all network retail and home delivery pharmacies. At network preferred retail cost-sharing pharmacies, members can obtain an extended supply prescription at a lower cost than at a network standard retail cost-sharing pharmacy. Amazon Pharmacy (the network home delivery pharmacy) also offers an extended supply of maintenance medications delivered to the member's home or office.

\*Extended day supply is up to 90 or 100 days, based on the member's plan.