



Do you know about this completely free benefit?

The Oklahoma County
Employees' Prescriptions Program
provides FREE medications to people
covered
under Oklahoma County's health plan.

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- The EPP is for those medications that you take on an on-going basis – heart, blood pressure, diabetes, etc. The reason is that the pharmacy orders your medications when you turn in your prescription, so this program doesn't work for things you need to start quickly and take only for a short time.
 - We can mail your medication to you, or you can pick it up at the pharmacy.
 - We can provide you with a 90 day supply at a time (unless your prescription specifies a shorter time period).
 - This program covers generic medications only.
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If you would like more information, please contact us:

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The EPP is operated by the Oklahoma County Pharmacy, as part of Oklahoma County's Social Services Department.

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EPP Employees' Prescriptions Program

The Employees' Prescriptions Program (EPP) is made available to you as part of the County Employees Benefits plan. The program is operated by the Oklahoma County Pharmacy (OCP), which is a division of the Oklahoma County Social Services Department of the Board of County Commissioners. The EPP provides affordable, low-cost, generic medications used to maintain chronic conditions of employees, retirees, and dependents who are covered under the county health insurance plan. Some of the major benefits to participation in the EPP are:

- Prescriptions may be filled for up to a ninety (90) day supply.
- You have options as to how to get your medications—you may pick up your medications at the pharmacy or we can mail them to you.
- There is no charge (no co-pay) for participation in the EPP as long as you are covered under the county insurance plan.

In this packet, you will find an enrollment form for EPP and further information about the program

. We are here to answer any questions you may have about the program, so feel free to contact us. Our hours of operation and the names of our pharmacy staff members are listed below.

We hope you find this program to be a valuable part of the benefits you receive as an Employee or Retiree of Oklahoma County.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Oklahoma County Pharmacy: 7401 N.E. 23rd Street (between Air Depot and Midwest Blvd.)
Oklahoma City, OK 73141
Phone: (405) 713-1891 (or if from a county office, ext. 5870)
Fax: (405) 427-0317



Pharmacy Staff:

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Hours of Operation:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday;
8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
(Must sign in at the pharmacy no later than 3:00 p.m.)

Closed on Wednesday and Major holidays

Preferred Medications List



A preferred medication list (PML) was created by Oklahoma County Pharmacy to give EPP members access to quality, affordable medications. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the medications chosen as safe and effective. The purpose of PML is to help keep the cost of the administration of EPP down. Typically, when brand name drugs go generic, they are still very expensive. In some cases, they cost as much or more than their brand name counterparts. Oklahoma County Pharmacy will continually evaluate cost-effectiveness, so some generic medications may not be covered. Furthermore, to be truly effective and to keep up with new therapeutic developments, the PML will be continually reviewed and revised. In short, the PML's benefits purpose is to provide access to quality medications and promote appropriate and cost-effective therapy. Please contact Oklahoma County Pharmacy if you have any questions.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT GENERIC DRUGS AND MAINTENANCE MEDICATIONS

By law, a pharmacist can substitute a brand name drug for a generic drug ONLY if the generic drug is bioequivalent to the name brand drug.

Generic drugs are sold under different brand names, but will contain the same active ingredients as the brand-name drug. With regards to the effectiveness of the drugs, generic drugs have the same quality active ingredient as brand-name drugs. All drugs must comply with strict directive and supervision of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the US and equivalent institutions in other countries. For branding purposes, generic drugs differ in look, color, taste and shape from their brand name counterpart.

The term "maintenance medication" refers to those medications that are taken on an ongoing, regular basis for chronic medical conditions. Examples of conditions for which you might take a maintenance medication are:

- Blood pressure
- Heart problems
- Stomach problems (ulcers, etc.)
- Mental Health
- Birth Control
- Chronic respiratory diseases (asthma, emphysema, etc.)
- Diabetes medications and some Insulins (The EPP will not provide supplies.)



FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Who is eligible to participate in this program?

Answer: You are eligible to participate in this program if you are covered under the insurance program sponsored by Oklahoma County.

Question: What does it cost to participate in this program?

Answer: Nothing - the medication is free to those covered under the county's benefits plan.

Question: What about my insurance card?

Answer: You'll need that card for medications you can't get through this program. That card is for use at retail pharmacies.

Question: What kind of medications can I get through the EPP?

Answer: This program provides generic maintenance medications. This means:

- Generic drugs only—no name brand drugs.
- Maintenance drugs only—these are medications that you take on a long term basis, such as heart medications, blood pressure medications, etc.

Question: What are some of the examples of medications that are NOT covered by the EPP?

Answer: You should use your health benefits card for these kinds of medications:

- Name brand drugs
- Medications for acute conditions or short term ailments such as upper respiratory infections, the flu, etc.
- Controlled medications / narcotics

Question: How do I receive my medications on the EPP?

Answer: YOU HAVE OPTIONS!

- Pick-up: You can come to the County Pharmacy to pick up your medications—our address is on the front of this information packet.
- Mail: You can have your medications mailed to you at home.

Question: What is a PML?

Answer: PML serves as a formulary which lists the generic medications that are covered under EPP.



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HOW TO USE THE PROGRAM:

The Pharmacy needs the following items:

- Completed enrollment form
- Copy of your insurance card (front and back)
- Copy of your Driver's License (front)
- Prescription from your Doctor via Escribe, Fax or written out to you

You can fax (405-427-0317) the enrollment form, insurance card and DL to us.
You can drop the written prescription off at our Pharmacy or mail them to us.
You Doctor can Escribe your prescriptions to us or they may fax them to us.

We encourage you to have your doctor write your prescriptions for a ninety (90) day supply—this way, you only have to worry about refills every 3 months, rather than monthly.

If your doctor is trying you out on a new medication, it's good to get 2 prescriptions: one for a 2 week supply, and the other for a 90-day supply. This way, if the medication isn't working for you, you're not stuck with a ninety (90) day supply of something you can't use, and it saves the program money. We need to keep this program as cost effective as possible.

If you mail us your prescriptions, include a note so we'll know whether to hold your Prescriptions for pick up or send them to you in the mail. If you want us to mail them to you, please include your home address so we can keep our records up to date.

Any time your address changes please call the Pharmacy so we can update your file and mail your medications to the correct address.

- If you want to PICK UP your medications at the Oklahoma County Pharmacy, it is advisable to call the pharmacy to ensure that your Medication was received and is ready for pick-up.



EMPLOYEES' PRESCRIPTIONS PROGRAM (EPP) ENROLLMENT FORM

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE OKLAHOMA COUNTY PHARMACY IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EPP. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THIS FORM IS FILLED OUT COMPLETELY, ACCURATELY, AND LEGIBLY.

NAME: _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

ARE YOU A COUNTY RETIREE? _____

IF NOT, COMPLETE QUESTIONS 1 & 2 BELOW:

1. WHICH COUNTY DEPARTMENT DO YOU WORK FOR? _____
2. WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE EXTENSION IF APPLICABLE): _____

DO YOU PREFER: _____ CHILD PROOF CAPS? (Strongly recommended if children are in the home)
 _____ EASY OPEN CAPS? (May be preferable for people who are arthritic or have trouble opening the child proof caps. NOT recommended if there are children in the home.)
 _____ RX pickup
 _____ RX mailing

NAME OF EMPLOYEE OR RETIREE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

MEDICATION ALLERGIES: _____

COVERED DEPENDENT INFORMATION

	Dependent #1	Dependent #2	Dependent #3	Dependent #4	Dependent #5
Name					
Relationship to Employee/Retiree					
Date of birth					
Medication allergies					



YOU HAVE OPTIONS

The following are alternatives to the Employees' Prescriptions Program:

- Oklahoma County employees who elect coverage under the "Health Benefit Plan" will have a Prescription Drug benefit. Prescription Drugs may be obtained at any pharmacy that is a member of the CVS Caremark network.
- The co-pay for generic prescriptions is \$5 for a 30-day supply or \$15 for a 90-day supply.
- **A mail order program is available through CVS Caremark. Employees can get a day supply of their prescriptions through the mail. The co-pay for generic drugs are \$10 and the co-pay for name preferred brand name drugs are \$55 and \$75 for non-preferred.**
- For further information, contact CVS Caremark at 1-800-776-1355 or visit their website, <http://www.caremark.com/>.