

Generic medicine



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Full cover for generic medicine

Medihelp is constantly looking for ways to deliver tangible value and decrease members' out-of-pocket expenses.

That's why we offer you 100% cover when you use generic medicines.

Your medicine benefits

If you have available day-to-day benefits and your plan covers acute and non-PMB chronic medicine, your medicine benefits will work as follows:

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100% of the MMAP**
subject to available
benefits

Original medicine
where no generic
equivalent is
available

80% of the MT*
subject to available
benefits

Voluntary use of
the original
medicine where
a generic equivalent
is available

70% of the MMAP**
subject to available
benefits

*MT – Medihelp tariff | **MMAP – Maximum Medical Aid Price
MedSaver & MedAdd

What is generic medicine?

We often hear people compare original medicine with generic medicine, but is there a difference?



Dosage from

- ✓ Generic
- ✓ Original



Active ingredients

- ✓ Generic
- ✓ Original



Strength

- ✓ Generic
- ✓ Original



Price

- ✓ Generic
- ✓ Original

There is only one difference - the price

What is generic medicine?

Generic medicine is exactly the same as the original medicine, but will cost you less. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for the generic equivalent of original medicine. The benefits are that you will have no co-payments and more available benefits.



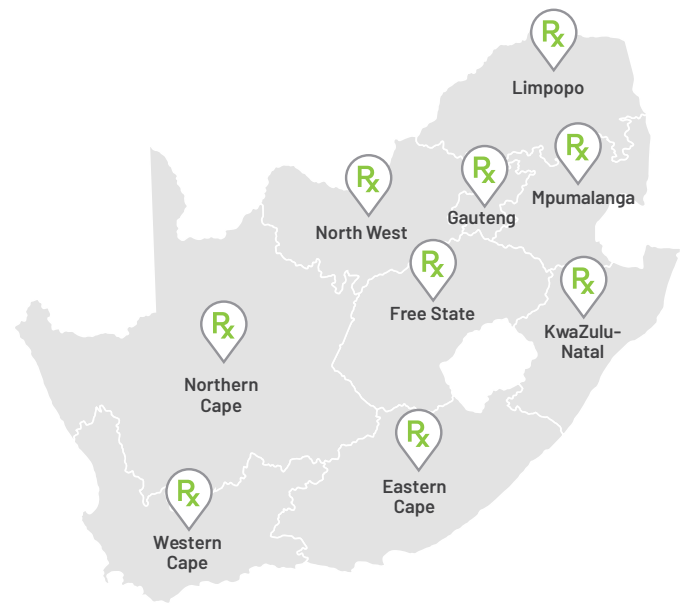
Why are generic medicines much cheaper?

Before a new medicine becomes available to the public, extensive research is required to ensure it is effective and safe. This research costs millions of rands, and pharmaceutical companies register a patent on the medicine to recover some of these research and development costs. After the patent rights have expired, other pharmaceutical companies may use the same dosage form, active ingredient and strength, but with a different brand name. These companies do not have to repeat all the research, making the generic so much cheaper. The generic manufacturer has to prove that their medicine is just as effective and of the same quality as the original.

Medihelp's preferred pharmacy network

More than 2 000 pharmacies across South Africa form part of the Medihelp Preferred Pharmacy Network. These pharmacies charge a professional dispensing fee that matches the fee funded by Medihelp, ensuring that you receive your medicine at the most cost-effective dispensing fee.

Pharmacy network distribution



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