

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Drug Dispensing Limits

Dispensing Limits*

Your prescription drug plan includes coverage limits on certain medications. These limits are in accordance with generally accepted pharmaceutical and manufacturers' guidelines. Drug dispensing limits help encourage medication use as intended by the FDA. Dispensing limits are placed on medications in certain categories (see list below). Limits may include:

- Quantity of covered medication per prescription
- Quantity of covered medication within a given time period
- Coverage only for members within a certain age range

In addition, limits may apply across multiple medications within a drug category, for example: oral fentanyl, insomnia, narcolepsy, erectile dysfunction, cystic fibrosis, and infertility products. For the most current list of drug dispensing limits, visit www.bcbsil.com and log in to Blue Access® for Members. Drug dispensing limits for your benefit plan may be different than those listed here. Note that some drug classes are excluded by some plans and therefore are not covered. Dispensing limits may vary depending on state regulations. Some drugs may not be available at mail order. If you have questions about drug dispensing limits or your prescription drug benefits, call the Pharmacy Program number on the back of your ID card.

BRAND NAME (GENERIC NAME)	DOSAGE FORM	FORMULARY	DISPENSING LIMIT
Abstral (fentanyl citrate)	sublingual tabs	No	120 tabs/30 days
Accuneb 0.63 mg/3 mL, 1.25 mg/3 mL (albuterol)	inhal soln	Yes, generic; No, brand	300 mL/Rx
Aciphex (rabeprazole delayed-release)	tabs	No	60 tabs/30 days
Actiq (fentanyl citrate)	lollipops	Yes, generic; No, brand	120 lollipops/30 days
Actonel 5 mg (risedronate)	tabs	Yes	30 tabs/30 days
Actonel 30 mg (risedronate)	tabs	Yes	30 tabs/30 days
Actonel 35 mg (risedronate)	tabs	Yes	4 tabs/30 days
Actonel 150 mg (risedronate)	tabs	Yes	1 tab/30 days
Adcirca (tadalafil)	tabs	Yes	60 tabs/30 days
Advair Diskus (fluticasone/salmeterol)	inhaler	Yes	1 inhaler (60 doses)/Rx
Advair HFA (fluticasone/salmeterol)	inhaler	Yes	1 inhaler/Rx
albuterol 0.5%	inhal soln	Yes, generic	60 mL/Rx
albuterol 0.083%	inhal soln	Yes, generic	360 mL/Rx
Aldara (imiquimod)	crm	Yes, generic; No, brand	48 packets/365 days; 12 packets/Rx
Alora (estradiol)	patches	No	8 patches/28 days
Alvesco (ciclesonide)	inhaler	No	2 inhalers/30 days
Ambien (zolpidem)	tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	30 tabs/30 days
Ambien CR (zolpidem ext-release)	tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	30 tabs/30 days
Amerge (naratriptan)	tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	9 tabs/Rx
Ampyra (dalfampridine ext-release)	tabs	No	60 tabs/30 days
Anzemet (dolesetron)	tabs	No	3 tabs/Rx
Androderm 2 mg (testosterone)	patches	No	60 patches/30 days
Androderm 4 mg (testosterone)	patches	No	30 patches/30 days
Androgel (testosterone)	gel	Yes	4 bottles (300 g)/30 days
Androgel 2.5 g (testosterone)	packets	Yes	30 packets/30 days
Androgel 5 g (testosterone)	packets	Yes	60 packets/30 days
Arcalyst (rilonacept)	inj	No	4 vials/30 days
Asmanex (mometasone furoate)	inhaler	Yes	2 inhalers/Rx
Astelin (azelastine)	nasal spray	Yes, generic; No, brand	2 bottles/Rx
Astepro (azelastine)	nasal spray	Yes	2 bottles/Rx
Atralin (tretinoin)	gel	No	Under age 40
Atrovent (ipratropium)	nasal spray	Yes, generic; No, brand	2 bottles/Rx
Atrovent HFA (ipratropium)	inhaler	Yes	2 inhalers/Rx

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Avonex (interferon beta-1a)	inj	No	1 package/30 days
Avinza (morphine sulfate ext-release)	caps	No	30 caps/30 days
Avita – tretinoin	crm, gel	Yes, generic	Under age 40
Axert (almotriptan)	tabs	No	12 tabs/Rx
Beconase AQ (beclomethasone dipropionate)	nasal spray	No	1 bottle/Rx
Betaseron (interferon beta-1b)	inj	Yes	15 vials/30 days
Biaxin XL (clarithromycin ext-release)	tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	28 tabs/Rx
Boniva (ibandronate)	tabs	No	1 tab/30 days
Bravelle (urofollitropin)	inj	No	60 vials/Rx
butorphanol	nasal spray	Yes, generic	2 bottles/30 days
Butrans (buprenorphine)	patches	No	4 patches/30 days
Caverject (alprostadil)	inj	No	8 units/30 days; males only (Limit one agent for erectile dysfunction/30 days)
Cayston (aztreonam)	inhal soln	No	84 vials/56 days
Cetrotide 0.25 mg (cetorelix acetate)	inj	No	12 kits/Rx
Cetrotide 3 mg (cetorelix acetate)	inj	No	1 kit/Rx
chorionic gonadotropin	inj	Yes, generic	20 mL/Rx
Cialis 2.5 mg, 5 mg (tadalafil)	tabs	No	30 tabs/30 days; males only (Limit one agent for erectile dysfunction/30 days)
Cialis 10 mg, 20 mg (tadalafil)	tabs	No	8 tabs/30 days; males only (Limit one agent for erectile dysfunction/30 days)
ciprofloxacin ext-release, 500 mg	tabs	Yes, generic	3 tabs/Rx
ciprofloxacin ext-release, 1000 mg	tabs	Yes, generic	14 tabs/Rx
Climara (estradiol)	patches	Yes, generic; No, brand	4 patches/28 days
Climara Pro (estradiol/levonorgestrel)	patches	No	4 patches/28 days
Clomid (clomiphene)	tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	10 tabs/Rx
Cold and cough products	various	Varies	Age 5 or older
Combivent (ipratropium/albuterol)	inhaler	Yes	2 inhalers/Rx
Copaxone (glatiramer)	inj	Yes	30 syringes/30 days
Crinone (progesterone)	vaginal gel	Yes	60 applicators/Rx
cromolyn sodium	inhal soln	Yes, generic	240 mL/Rx
Cymbalta (duloxetine)	caps	No	60 caps/30 days
Dexilant (dexlansoprazole delayed-release)	caps	No	60 caps/30 days
Desoxyn (methamphetamine)	tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	150 tabs/30 days
Diastat (diazepam)	rectal gel	Yes	5 packages/30 days
Differin 0.1% (adapalene)	crm, gel	Yes, generic; No, brand	Under age 40
Differin 0.3% (adapalene)	gel	Yes	Under age 40
Differin (adapalene)	lotn	No	Under age 40
Duexis (ibuprofen/famotidine)	tabs	No	90 tabs/30 days
Dulera (mometasone/formoterol)	inhaler	Yes	1 inhaler/30 days
Duoneb (ipratropium/albuterol)	inhal soln	Yes, generic; No, brand	360 mL/Rx
Duragesic (fentanyl)	patches	Yes, generic; No, brand	15 patches/30 days
Edex (alprostadil)	inj	No	8 cartridges/30 days; males only (Limit one agent for erectile dysfunction/30 days)
Edluar (zolpidem)	sublingual tabs	No	30 tabs/30 days
Ella (ulipristal)	tabs	Yes	2 tabs/365 days
Emend (aprepitant)	caps	Yes	6 caps/30 days
Epiduo (adapalene/benzoyl peroxide)	gel	No	Under age 40
Estraderm (estradiol)	patches	Yes	8 patches/28 days
Exalgo 8 mg (hydromorphone ext-release)	tabs	No	240 tabs/30 days
Exalgo 12 mg (hydromorphone ext-release)	tabs	No	150 tabs/30days
Exalgo 16 mg (hydromorphone ext-release)	tabs	No	120 tabs/30 days
Extavia (interferon beta-1b)	inj	No	1 package/30 days
Fentora (fentanyl citrate)	buccal tabs	No	120 tabs/30 days
Flonase (fluticasone)	nasal spray	Yes, generic; No, brand	1 bottle/Rx
Flovent Discus, Flovent HFA (fluticasone)	inhaler	Yes	2 inhalers/Rx
Flunisolide	nasal spray	No	1 bottle/Rx
Follistim AQ 75 units/vial (follitropin beta)	inj	Yes	60 vials/Rx

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Follistim AQ 150 units/vial (follitropin beta)	inj	Yes	30 vials/Rx
Follistim AQ 300 units/cartridge (follitropin beta)	inj	Yes	15 cartridges/Rx
Follistim AQ 600 units/cartridge (follitropin beta)	inj	Yes	8 cartridges/Rx
Follistim AQ 900 units/cartridge (follitropin beta)	inj	Yes	5 cartridges/Rx
Foradil Aerolizer (formoterol)	inhaler	Yes	1 inhaler (60 doses)/Rx
Forteo (teriparatide)	inj	Yes	1 pen/30 days
Fosamax 5 mg, 10 mg (alendronate)	tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	30 tabs/30 days
Fosamax 35 mg, 70 mg (alendronate)	tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	4 tabs/30 days
Fosamax Plus D (alendronate/cholecalciferol)	tabs	No	4 tabs/30 days
Frova (frovatriptan)	tabs	No	9 tabs/Rx
Ganirelix Acetate	inj	Yes	12 syringes (0.5 mL/syringe)/Rx
Gelnique (oxybutynin)	gel	No	30 packets/30 days
Gilenya (fingolimod)	caps	No	30 caps/30 days
Glucose Test Strips (All)	strips	Yes, Bayer and Roche only	204 strips/30 days
Gonal F 450 units/vial (follitropin alfa)	inj	No	10 vials/Rx
Gonal F 1,050 units/vial (follitropin alfa)	inj	No	5 vials/Rx
Gonal F RFF 75 units/vial (follitropin alfa)	inj	No	60 vials/Rx
Gonal F RFF Pen 300 units/cartridge (follitropin alfa)	inj	No	15 cartridges/Rx
Gonal F RFF Pen 450 units/cartridge (follitropin alfa)	inj	No	10 cartridges/Rx
Gonal F RFF Pen 900 units/cartridge (follitropin alfa)	inj	No	5 cartridges/Rx
granisetron	tabs	Yes, generic	6 tabs/Rx
Granisol (granisetron)	oral soln	No	30 mL/Rx
Hycamtin (topotecan)	caps	No	5 mg/day; not to exceed 25 mg/21 days
Imitrex (sumatriptan)	nasal spray	Yes	6 spray unit devices/Rx
Imitrex STATDose (sumatriptan)	inj	Yes, generic; No, brand	10 syringe cartridges/Rx
Imitrex (sumatriptan)	inj	Yes, generic; No, brand	10 vials/Rx
Imitrex (sumatriptan)	tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	9 tabs/Rx
Insulins (All)	inj	Yes, all except Apidra and Relion	100 mL/34 days
Insulin pen needles, syringes (All)	pen needles, syringes	Yes, BD only	300 units/34 days
ipratropium bromide	inhal soln	Yes, generic	250 mL/Rx
Janumet (sitagliptin/metformin)	tabs	Yes	60 tabs/30 days
Januvia (sitagliptin)	tabs	Yes	30 tabs/30 days
ketorolac	tabs	Yes, generic	20 tabs/30 days
Kombiglyze XR 5-500 mg, 5-1000 mg (saxagliptin/metformin ext-release)	tabs	Yes	30 tabs/30 days
Kombiglyze XR 2.5-1000 mg (saxagliptin/metformin ext-release)	tabs	Yes	60 tabs/30 days
Lamisil (terbinafine)	tabs	Yes, generic; No brand	90 tabs/180 days
Latuda (lurasidone)	tabs	No	30 tabs/30 days
Lazanda (fentanyl citrate)	nasal spray	No	30 bottles/30 days
Letairis (ambrisentan)	tabs	No	30 tabs/30 days
Levitra (vardenafil)	tabs	No	8 tabs/30 days; males only (Limit one agent for erectile dysfunction/30 days)
Lumigan (bimatoprost)	ophth soln	No	2.5 mL/30 days
Lunesta (eszopiclone)	tabs	No	30 tabs/30 days
Luveris (lutropin alfa)	inj	No	14 vials/Rx
Marinol (dronabinol)	caps	Yes, generic; No, brand	60 caps/Rx
Maxair Autohaler (pirbuterol)	inhaler	No	2 inhalers/Rx
Maxalt/Maxalt-MLT (rizatriptan)	tabs	Yes	18 tabs/Rx
Menopur (menotropins)	inj	No	60 vials/Rx
Menostar (estradiol)	patches	No	4 patches/28 days
Migranal (dihydroergotamine)	nasal spray	Yes	8 vials/Rx
Muse (alprostadil)	supp	No	8 supps/30 days; males only (Limit one agent for erectile dysfunction/30 days)
Nasacort AQ (triamcinolone)	nasal spray	Yes, generic; Yes, brand	1 bottle/Rx
Nasonex (mometasone)	nasal spray	Yes	1 bottle/Rx

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Nexium (esomeprazole delayed-release)	caps, packets	Yes	60 caps, packets/30 days
Nucynta (tapentadol)	tabs	No	180 tabs/30 days
Nucynta ER (tapentadol ext-release)	tabs	Yes	60 tabs/30 days
Nuvigil (armodafinil)	tabs	No	30 tabs/30 days
Omnaris (ciclesonide)	nasal spray	No	1 bottle/30 days
ondansetron 24 mg	tabs	Yes, generic	1 tab/Rx
Onglyza (saxagliptin)	tabs	Yes	30 tabs/30 days
Onsolis (fentanyl citrate)	buccal film	No	120 films/30 days
Ovidrel (choriogonadotropin alfa)	inj	No	2 syringes/Rx
Oxycontin (oxycodone ext-release)	tabs	Yes	120 tabs/30 days
Oxytrol (oxybutynin)	patches	No	8 patches/30 days
Patanase (olopatadine)	nasal spray	No	1 bottle/Rx
Penlac (ciclopirox)	nail soln	Yes, generic, No, brand	13.2 mL/30 days
Plan B (levonorgestrel)	tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	Covered for females age 16 yrs and under with Rx – 4 tabs/365 days
Plan B One-Step (levonorgestrel)	tabs	No	Covered for females age 16 yrs and under with Rx – 2 tabs/365 days
Pradaxa (dabigatran)	caps	No	60 caps/30 days
Prevacid (lansoprazole delayed-release)	caps	Yes, generic; No, brand	60 caps/30 days
Prevacid Solutab (lansoprazole delayed-release)	orally disintegrating tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	60 tabs/30 days
Prilosec (omeprazole delayed-release)	caps	Yes, generic; No, brand	60 caps/30 days
Pristiq (desvenlafaxine ext-release)	tabs	No	60 tabs/30 days
Proair HFA (albuterol)	inhaler	Yes	2 inhalers/Rx
Promacta 25 mg (eltrombopag)	tabs	No	90 tabs/30 days
Promacta 50 mg, 75 mg (eltrombopag)	tabs	No	30 tabs/30 days
Protonix (pantoprazole delayed-release)	granules	No	60 packets/30 days
Protonix (pantoprazole delayed-release)	tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	60 tabs/30 days
Proventil HFA (albuterol)	inhaler	No	2 inhalers/Rx
Provigil (modafinil)	tabs	No	30 tabs/30 days
Prozac Weekly (fluoxetine delayed-release)	caps	Yes, generic; No, brand	4 caps/30 days
Pulmicort Flexhaler (budesonide)	inhaler	No	1 inhaler/Rx
Pulmicort Respules 1 mg/2 mL (budesonide)	inhal susp	No	180 mL/Rx
Pulmicort Respules 0.25 mg/2 mL, 0.5 mg/2 mL (budesonide)	inhal susp	Yes, generic; No, brand	180 mL/Rx
Qvar (beclomethasone)	inhaler	Yes	2 inhalers/Rx
Rebif (interferon beta-1a)	inj	Yes	12 syringes/30 days
Relenza (zanamivir)	inhaler	No	1 inhaler (20 doses)/120 days
Relpax (eletriptan)	tabs	No	6 tabs/Rx
Repronex (menotropins)	inj	Yes	60 vials/Rx
Retin-A (tretinoin)	crm, gel	Yes, generic; No, brand	Under age 40
Retin-A Micro (tretinoin microsphere)	gel	No	Under age 40
Rhinocort Aqua (budesonide)	nasal spray	No	1 bottle/Rx
Rozerem (ramelteon)	tabs	No	30 tabs/30 days
Ryzolt (tramadol ext-release)	tabs	No	30 tabs/30 days
Sancuso (granisetron)	patches	No	1 patch/30 days
Savella (milnacipran)	tabs	No	60 tabs/30 days
Savella Titration Pack (milnacipran)	pack	No	1 pack/30 days
Serevent Diskus (salmeterol)	inhaler	No	1 inhaler (60 doses)/Rx
Silenor (doxepin)	tabs	No	30 tabs/30 days
Simponi (golimumab)	inj	No	1 syringe/30 days
Sonata (zaleplon)	caps	Yes, generic; No, brand	30 tabs/30 days
Spiriva Handihaler (tiotropium)	inhaler	Yes	1 package (30 doses)/Rx
Sporanox (itraconazole)	caps	Yes, generic; No, brand	360 caps/180 days
Sporanox (itraconazole)	soln	No	22 bottles (3,300 mL)/180 days
Sprix (ketorolac tromethamine)	nasal spray	No	5 bottles/30 days
Staxyn (vardenafil)	tabs	No	8 tabs/30 days, males only (Limit one agent for erectile dysfunction/30 days)
Suboxone (buprenorphine/naloxone)	sublingual films, tabs	Yes	90 films, tabs/30 days

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Subutex (buprenorphine)	sublingual tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	90 tabs/30 days
Sumatriptan	nasal spray	No	6 spray unit devices/Rx
Sumavel DosePro (sumatriptan)	inj	No	12 injection devices/Rx
Symbicort (budesonide/formoterol)	inhaler	Yes	1 inhaler/30 days
Symlin (pramlintide)	inj	No	4 vials/30 days
SymlinPen (pramlintide)	inj	No	4 syringes/30 days
Tamiflu 30 mg (oseltamivir)	caps	No	40 caps/120 days
Tamiflu 45 mg, 75 mg (oseltamivir)	caps	No	20 caps/120 days
Tamiflu 6 mg/mL (oseltamivir)	oral susp	No	300 mL/120 days
Tamiflu 12 mg/mL (oseltamivir)	oral susp	No	150 mL/120 days
Testim (testosterone)	gel	Yes	60 tubes (300 g)/30 days
Tobi (tobramycin)	inhal soln	Yes	1 package 56 days
Tracleer (bosentan)	tabs	Yes	60 tabs/30 days
Tradjenta (linagliptin)	tabs	No	30 tabs/30 days
Travatan Z (travoprost)	ophth soln	Yes	2.5 mL/30 days
Tretin-X (tretinoin)	crm	No	Under age 40
Treximet (sumatriptan/naproxen sodium)	tabs	No	9 tabs/Rx
Ultram (tramadol)	tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	240 tabs/30 days
Ultram ER (tramadol ext-release)	tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	30 tabs/30 days
Ventolin HFA (albuterol)	inhaler	Yes	2 inhalers/Rx
Viagra (sildenafil)	tabs	Yes	8 tabs/30 days; males only (Limit one agent for erectile dysfunction/30 days)
Vimovo (naproxen/esomeprazole)	tabs	No	60 tabs/30 days
Vivelle-Dot (estradiol)	patches	Yes	8 patches/28 days
Vyvanse (lisdexamfetamine)	caps	Yes	30 caps/30 days
Xalatan (latanoprost)	ophth soln	Yes, generic; No, brand	2.5 mL/30 days
Xarelto 10 mg (rivaroxaban)	tabs	No	35 tabs/90 days
Xarelto 15 mg, 20 mg (rivaroxaban)	tabs	No	30 tabs/30 days
Xenazine 12.5 mg (tetrabenazine)	tabs	No	240 tabs/30 days
Xenazine 25 mg (tetrabenazine)	tabs	No	120 tabs/30 days
Xifaxan 200 mg (rifaximin)	tabs	No	9 tabs/Rx
Xifaxan 550 mg (rifaximin)	tabs	Yes	60 tabs/30 days
Xopenex HFA (levalbuterol)	inhaler	No	2 inhalers/Rx
Xyrem (sodium oxybate)	oral soln	No	540 mL/30 days
Zanaflex (tizanidine)	caps	No	180 caps/30 days
Zanaflex (tizanidine)	tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	180 tabs/30 days
Ziana (clindamycin/tretinoin)	gel	No	Under age 40
Zofran (ondansetron)	oral soln	Yes, generic; No, brand	100 mL/Rx
Zofran/Zofran ODT 4 mg, 8 mg (ondansetron)	tabs	Yes, generic; No, brand	10 tabs/Rx
Zolpimist (zolpidem)	oral spray	No	1 bottle/30 days
Zomig (zolmitriptan)	nasal spray	No	1 bottle (6 spray units)/Rx
Zomig/Zomig ZMT (zolmitriptan)	tabs	No	6 tabs/Rx
Zuplenz (ondansetron)	films	No	10 films/Rx
Zyvox (linezolid)	oral susp	Yes	600 mL/Rx
Zyvox (linezolid)	tabs	Yes	28 tabs/30 days

In addition to the standard dispensing limits, a 30-day supply limit applies to all specialty and select non-specialty medications. Only a one-month supply of these medications can be filled at one time. The following drug categories are select examples of medications limited to a 30-day supply.

- Anticoagulants
- Blood Modifiers
- Cystic Fibrosis Drugs
- Drugs with Limited Distribution
- Growth Hormones
- Hemophilia Drugs
- Hepatitis Drugs
- Infertility Drugs
- Multiple Sclerosis Drugs
- Oral Chemotherapy Drugs
- Prostate Cancer Drugs
- Rheumatoid Arthritis Drugs

*Third-party brand names are the property of their respective owners; this list is not comprehensive and is subject to change.