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Cost transparency tool for prescription drugs

Are you interested in estimating the cost of your care before you go to the provider's office?

BCBSVT and Express Scripts, our pharmacy benefits manager, have a tool that can help you **estimate** the cost of your prescriptions. This estimator tool can provide you with financial information about prescription costs, including the names of pharmacies where you can find the same prescriptions at lower costs.

What you are actually charged for a prescription may differ, though, from the estimate on the estimator tool. If you have questions about discrepancies between estimated and actual costs for prescriptions, speak with your pharmacist.

The cost estimator tool will not know whether you have specific benefit limits. If you are unsure whether benefit limits apply, contact BCBSVT's customer service team by dialing the number on the back of your ID card.

To access the cost-estimator tool follow these easy steps:

- 1** Log in to our Member Resource Center.
- 2** Click the link to the Pharmacy Center on the left-hand navigation pane.
- 3** Then, click the link to "price a drug" and click the "ok" button to continue to a secure website hosted by your pharmacy benefits manager.
- 4** Once you reach the landing page, select the family member who will be using the prescription from the "select a patient" dropdown menu. You may also narrow your search to a specific retail pharmacy or up to three pharmacies to compare prices.
- 5** Enter the name of the medication for which you'd like pricing information. A list of dosage options may populate if multiple doses are available. Select the dosage your provide prescribed.
- 6** Fill out the fields to indicate your quantity and days' supply.
- 7** If the drug you entered requires prior approval or has other coverage restrictions, you will receive a coverage alert. Read the notes in the coverage alert to learn important information, including limitations on quantity, any step therapy requirements or other important notes.

The screenshot shows the 'Pharmacy Center' navigation menu with 'Price and Quality' highlighted. Below is the 'Drug strength' selection screen with a table of options for Neelum Dr 20 Mg Capsule. The 'Quantity and days' supply' section includes fields for 'Take or use' (1 tablet) and 'days' (30). A red 'Coverage alert' banner is visible at the bottom.

Name	Form	Strength	Brand/Generics/OTC	Generic Equivalent Available
Neelum 20Mg 20 Mg Capsule (34 units)	Capsule	20 mg	OTC	Yes
Neelum Dr 20 Mg Capsule	Capsule	20 mg	Brand	Yes
Neelum Dr 20 Mg Capsule	Capsule	20 mg	Brand	Yes
Neelum Dr 40 Mg Capsule	Capsule	40 mg	Brand	Yes
Neelum Dr 40 Mg Capsule	Capsule	40 mg	Brand	Yes