

Medicare Discount Card Price Comparison Chart (Using Ten Commonly Prescribed Drugs)

Area: Arlington, VA 22209 (5 mile radius)

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Source: <http://www.medicare.gov> comparison site

Bill Brubaker, "Web Still Helps the Medicine Go Down," Washington Post, April 30, 2004

Cvs.com

Selected Cards: Preferred Prescription Discount Card, which has one of the best discount deals, with \$25 annual fee

MyPharmaCare, which has one of the least savings on drug price, with \$25 annual fee

All prices are in U.S. dollars for a 30-dose supply

Drug, dosage (what it treats)	Medicare discount card 1: Preferred Prescription Discount Card	Medicare discount card 2: myPharmaCare	Cvs.com (U.S.)	Drugstore.com (U.S.)	Costco.com (U.S.)	Granville Pharmacy (Vancouver, B.C., Canada)
Lipitor , 10 mg. (cholesterol)	\$67.28~67.68	\$83.54	\$79.99	\$62.99	\$68.47	-*
Celebrex , 200 mg. (pain)	80.63~81.03	196.40	92.99	76.99	80.07	-*
Zoloft , 50 mg. (depression)	74.59~74.97	173.18	86.59	72.99	76.17	-*
Norvasc , 5 mg. (blood pressure)	43.82~44.22	64.10	49.29	42.99	44.59	-*
Zocor , 10 mg. (Cholesterol)	59.37~59.77	88.67	78.99	69.99	73.57	61.57
Vioxx , 25 mg. (pain)	77.86~78.26	167.78	99.99	77.99	80.87	46.52
Celexa , 20 mg. (depression)	73.03~73.43	88.67	86.99	68.99	73.07	46.52
Nexium , 20 mg. (heartburn)	106.65~107.05	133.22	146.99	120.99	125.47	66.68**
Zyrtec , 10 mg (allergies)	57.60~58.00	128.63	66.59	58.99	62.37	28.02
Prilosec , 20 mg. (ulcers)	90.15~90.55	212.33	134.99	115.99	118.87	69.34**

* Comparable quantities not available

** For 28 capsules instead of 30