

## Prescription Pricing

On a recent prescription that I myself needed, I decided to explore pricing.

At my insurance plan's own pharmacy, my cash price was \$90, or \$75 with insurance.

At a local private pharmacy, it was \$70 cash price.

Then just prior our recent trip late at night, I need another prescription. With my insurance, it's \$75 at the 24hr CVS just around the corner. Using Blink Health, I got it for \$32. So in both cases, it costs more to use my insurance!

So I decided to compare pricing for the five most commonly prescribed drugs in the US across several major discount programs, as well as private pharmacy.

### Surprise! Surprise! Prices are all over the place!

So outside of the \$4 program, Wal-Mart's pricing are more expensive than most.

A local private pharmacy, **McClure**, consistently has the most competitive and consistent pricing (3 winners).

Lonestar Discount Rx has 1 winner in Ventolin at HEB.

So if you decide to go with **HEB**, use GoodRx, LoneStar, or their \$4 discount program.

If you use **CVS**, go with WellRx or Blink Health.

If **Walgreen's** stores are your choice, you'll need to shop pricing.

**Green**: Winner for that particular drug across all programs

**Yellow**: Best prices at that particular store

McClure Pharmacy: <http://www.mcclurerx.com>

Lonestar Discount Rx: <https://www.lonestardiscount.com>

WellRx: <https://www.wellrx.com>

GoodRx: <https://www.goodrx.com>

Blink Health: <https://www.blinkhealth.com>

Brand	Generic name	Dosage *	Walmart	McClure	HEB	Walgreen's	CVS	Costco
Synthroid	levothyroxine	50 mcg	\$ 4.00	\$ 13.72				
	Lonestar Discount Rx		\$ 18.48		\$ 15.19	\$ 26.68	\$ 21.08	
	WellRx				\$ 14.90	\$ 14.99	\$ 11.99	
	GoodRx				\$ 15.37	\$ 10.00	\$ 11.99	\$ 13.22
	Blink Health						\$ 16.52	
Crestor	rosuvastatin	5 mg		\$ 17.19				
	Lonestar Discount Rx				\$ 30.14	\$ 239.56	\$220.78	
	WellRx				\$ 217.67	\$ 74.34	\$ 19.20	
	GoodRx		\$ 75.10		\$ 17.56	\$ 94.87	\$ 19.48	\$ 17.56
	Blink Health						\$ 27.30	
Ventolin HFA	albuterol **			\$ 61.33				
	Lonestar Discount Rx		\$ 28.46		\$ 25.76	\$ 28.72	\$ 28.46	
	WellRx				\$ 56.85	\$ 59.73	\$ 62.11	
	GoodRx		\$ 56.79		\$ 59.98	\$ 58.10	\$ 59.98	\$ 58.10
	Blink Health						\$ 56.98	
Nexium	esomeprazole	20 mg		\$ 23.58				
	Lonestar Discount Rx		\$ 97.83		\$ 90.76	\$ 144.13	\$106.57	
	WellRx				\$ 219.58	\$ 88.45	\$ 43.20	
	GoodRx		\$ 71.93		\$ 69.78	\$ 90.82	\$101.33	\$ 45.16
	Blink Health						\$ 24.71	
Advair Diskus	fluticasone/salmeterol **	250/50		\$375.32				
	Lonestar Discount Rx		\$ 394.60		\$ 391.90	\$ 399.12	\$394.60	
	WellRx		\$ 381.47		\$ 375.93	\$ 389.98	\$388.64	
	GoodRx		\$ 381.47		\$ 378.91	\$ 384.64	\$378.06	\$ 378.91
	Blink Health						\$475.83	