

Dispense As Written (DAW)

Dispense as Written (DAW) is a plan design option to encourage the use of generic drugs. If a brand is dispensed when a generic is available, a member will pay the difference in cost between the brand and generic, in addition to the brand co-pay.

How does it work?

DAW 1: If the doctor writes dispense as written and generic is available; member pays copay plus difference in cost

DAW 2: If the doctor indicates generic and the member request brand; member pays copay plus difference in cost

Keep in mind that prices can change quite often, so this example is just a rough, current example of what Protonix (brand) and Pantoprazole Sodium (generic) would be...

Retail - 30 Day Supply

The Brand Protonix costs \$124.32. The Generic Pantoprazole costs \$101.87. If DAW 1 and/or 2 was implemented and the member requested the brand, then the member would pay the brand copay (\$25) plus the difference in cost (\$22.45), which would total \$47.45.

Mail - 90 Day Supply

The Brand Protonix costs \$337.01. The Generic Pantoprazole costs \$139.92. If DAW 1 and/or 2 was implemented and the member requested the brand, then the member would pay the brand copay (\$50) plus the difference in cost (\$197.09), which would total \$247.09.