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2025 RX GUIDE

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

If you or a family member covered under your health plan has rheumatoid arthritis, knowing the cost of medications can help you make a more informed decision when selecting a plan.

This guide, developed by the DC Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking, provides an overview of several commonly prescribed drugs used to treat rheumatoid arthritis. For each insurance company offering plans for sale on DC Health Link, the chart on the next page depicts the name of each drug along with the corresponding drug cost-sharing.

Reference the chart on the next page alongside the Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) for your potential plan to get an idea of your out-of-pocket prescription costs. Once you have identified the cost-sharing tier for each drug, use the corresponding SBC for each plan on DC Health Link to find the actual out-of-pocket cost-sharing of the drug.

As you consider different plan options, also check your SBC to see whether your cost-sharing on prescription drugs will apply before or after you reach your deductible.

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Covered Rheumatoid Arthritis Drugs		District of Columbia Insurance Companies							
		Aetna		CareFirst		Kaiser		United Healthcare	
		Generic/Brand	Generic/Brand	Generic/Brand	Generic/Brand	Generic/Brand	Generic/Brand	Generic/Brand	Generic/Brand
Name (Generic)	Name (Brand)	Restrictions	Copay/Coinsurance	Restrictions	Copay/Coinsurance	Restrictions	Copay/Coinsurance ¹	Restrictions	Copay/Coinsurance ²
DISEASE-MODIFYING ANTI-RHEUMATIC DRUGS (DMARDS)									
Auranofin	Ridaura	NA/NC	NA/NC	NA/NA	NA/NA	NA/NR	NA / \$25-110	NA/NR	NA/NC
Azathioprine	Imuran	NR/NC	\$12-\$25/NC	NR/NC	\$0-25/ NC	NR/NR	\$5-45/\$25-110	NR/NC	\$5-25/NC
Cyclosporine	Sandimmune	NR/NC	Medical	NR/NR	\$0-25/20% after ded*	NR/NR	\$5-45/\$15-\$110	NR/NC	\$5-25/NC
	Neoral	NR/NC	\$12-\$25/NC	NR/NC	\$0-25/20% after ded*	NR/NR	\$5-45/\$25-110	NR/NC	\$5-25/NC
Hydroxychloroquine	Plaquenil	NR/NC	\$12-\$25/NC	NR/NC	\$0-25/20%after ded*	NR/NR	\$5-110/\$25-110	NR/NC	\$5-25/NC
Methotrexate	Rheumatrex	NR/NR	\$12-25/NC	NR/NC	\$0/NC	NR/NA	\$5-45/NA	NC/NC	NC/NC
	Trexall	NR/NR	\$12-25/NC	NR/NC	\$0/NC	NR/NR	\$5-45/\$25-110	NA/NR	NA/\$15-75
Sulfasalazine	Azulfidine	NR/NC	\$12-25/NC	NR/NC	\$0-25/20%after ded*	NR/NR	\$5-45/\$25-110	NR/NC	\$5-25/NC
BIOLOGIC RESPONSE MODIFIERS (A TYPE OF DMARD)									
Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Inhibitors Apresoline									
Etanercept	Enbrel	NA/PA	NA/40% up to \$150	NA/PA	NC/\$150 after ded*	NA/PA	NA/\$25-110	NA/PA	NA/\$70-150
Adalimumab	Humira	NA/PA	NA/40% up to \$150	NA/NC	NA/NC	NA/PA	NA/\$25-110	NA/PA	NA/\$70-150
Infliximab	Remicade	Covered under the plan's medical benefit; consumers cannot fill this prescription at a drug store.							
Certolizumab Pegol	Cimzia	NA/NC	NA/NC	NA/NC	NA/NC	NA/PA	NA/\$25-150	NA/PA	NA/\$70-150
Golimumab	Simponi	NA/NC	NA/NC	NA/NC	NA/NC	NA/PA	NA/\$100-150	NA/PA	NA/\$70-150
	Simponi Aria	Covered under the plan's medical benefit; consumers cannot fill this prescription at a drug store.							
NA/NC									
Anakinra	Kineret	NA/NC	NA/NC	NA/NC	NA/NC	NA/PA	NA/\$25-110	NA/PA/ST	NA/\$100-150
Abatacept	Orencia	NA/PA	NA/Medical	NA/NC	NA/NC	NA/PA	NA/\$100-150	NA/PA-ST	NA/\$100-150
Rituximab	Rituxan	Covered under the plan's medical benefit; consumers cannot fill this prescription at a drug store.							
Tocilizumab	Actemra	NA/PA	NA/Medical	NA/PA-ST	NA/\$150 after ded*	NA/PA	NA/\$15-110	NA/PA-ST	NA/\$100-150
Tofacitinib	Xeljanz	NA/NC	NA/NC	NA/PA	NA/\$150 after ded*	NA/PA	NA/\$15-110	NA/PA	NA/\$70-150

Note: Formularies are subject to change during the plan year. Please contact your insurance company for the most up-to-date information.

KEY	
PA	Pre-Authorization
ST	Step Therapy
Ded.	Deductible
NC	Not Covered
NA	Not Available
NR	No Restriction

* The cost share for this drug could be a copayment or coinsurance depending on the plan. Coinsurance is 20% after deductible (\$150 max).

¹The cost share for this drug could be a copayment or coinsurance depending on the plan. Co-insurance ranges between 0%-20 for Generic or 0%-50% for Brand-name drugs. ²The cost share for this drug could be a copayment or coinsurance depending on the plan. Co-insurance ranges from 30%-50%.