

**[Docket No. VA-2026-VACO-0001]****Tiered Pharmacy Copayments for Medications; Calendar Year 2026 Update**

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Notice updates the information on Tier 1 medications.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 17.110 of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), governs copayments for medications that VA provides to veterans. Section 17.110 provides the methodologies for establishing the copayment amount for each 30-day or less supply of medication provided by VA on an outpatient basis (other than medication administered during treatment).

Tier 1 medication means a multi-source medication that has been identified using the process described in paragraph (b)(2) of § 17.110. Not less than once per year, VA will identify a subset of multi-source medications as Tier 1 medications. Only medications that meet all the criteria in 38 CFR 17.110(b)(2)(i), (ii), and (iii) will be eligible to be considered Tier 1 medications, and only those medications that meet all the criteria in paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section will be assessed using the criteria in paragraphs (b)(2)(ii) and (iii).

Based on the methodologies set forth in § 17.110, this notice updates the list of Tier 1 medications for Calendar Year 2026. The Tier 1 medication list is posted on VA's website at the following link: www.va.gov/resources/va-tier-1-copay-medication-list.

The following table is the Tier 1 Copay Medication List that is effective January 1, 2026, and will remain in effect until December 31, 2026.

Condition	VA Product Name
Arthritis and Pain	Aspirin buffered tablet Aspirin chewable tablet Aspirin enteric coated tablet Allopurinol tablet Celecoxib capsule Diclofenac tablet Ibuprofen tablet Meloxicam tablet Naproxen tablet
Blood Thinners and Platelet Inhibitors	Clopidogrel Bisulfate tablet
Cholesterol	Atorvastatin tablet Ezetimibe tablet Fenofibrate capsule or tablet Pravastatin tablet Rosuvastatin Calcium (CA) tablet Simvastatin tablet
Dementia	Donepezil tablet
Diabetes	Glipizide tablet Metformin Hydrochloride (HCL) tablet Metformin HCL 24-hour Sustained Action (SA) tablet Pioglitazone HCL tablet
Electrolyte Supplement	Potassium SA tablet Potassium SA dispersible tablet
Gastrointestinal Health	Famotidine tablet Omeprazole Enteric-Coated (EC) capsule Pantoprazole Sodium capsule Psyllium (regular and sugar-free) bulk powder
Glaucoma and Eye Care	Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium Ophthalmic Solution Brimonidine 0.2% ophthalmic solution Diclofenac ophthalmic solution Latanoprost (excludes preservative-free) 0.005% Ophthalmic solution Polyethylene Glycol Ophthalmic solution
Heart Health and Blood Pressure	Amiodarone tablet Amlodipine tablet Aspirin (see Arthritis & Pain) Atenolol tablet Carvedilol tablet Chlorthalidone tablet Clonidine tablet Diltiazem 24-hour capsule Diltiazem HCL tablet Furosemide tablet Hydralazine HCL tablet Hydrochlorothiazide tablet/capsule

Condition	VA Product Name
	Hydrochlorothiazide/Lisinopril tablet Hydrochlorothiazide/Triamterene tab/cap Isosorbide Mononitrate SA tablet Lisinopril tablet Losartan tablet Metoprolol Succinate SA tablet Metoprolol Tartrate tablet Nifedipine SA capsule Nitroglycerin sublingual tablet Prazosin HCL capsule Spironolactone tablet Valsartan tablet
Hormones/Other	None
Mental Health	Amitriptyline HCL tablet Buspirone HCL tablet Bupropion HCL tablet Bupropion HCL SA (12 hour-SR) tablet Bupropion HCL SA (24 hour-XL) tablet Citalopram Hydrobromide tablet Duloxetine HCL EC capsule Escitalopram Oxalate tablet Fluoxetine tablet/capsule Memantine tablet Mirtazapine tablet Paroxetine tablet Quetiapine Immediate release (IR) Tablet Sertraline HCL tablet Trazodone tablet Venlafaxine HCL IR tablet Venlafaxine HCL SA capsule
Neurologic Disorders	Ropinirole tablet
Respiratory Condition	Montelukast Sodium tablet
Seizures	Gabapentin capsule Lamotrigine tablet Topiramate tablet
Thyroid Conditions	Levothyroxine Sodium tablet
Urologic (Bladder and Prostate) Health	Doxazosin Mesylate tablet Finasteride tablet Oxybutynin Chloride SA tablet Sildenafil tablet Tadalafil tablet Tamsulosin HCL capsule Terazosin HCL capsule

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501; 38 CFR 17.110(b)(3))

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on April 16, 2026, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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