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Pharmacy copayments waived for TRICARE Prime Remote enrollees in the US, starting February 28, 2026

By TRICARE Communications

US based active duty family members enrolled in [TRICARE Prime Remote](#) will pay no [copayment](#) when filling covered prescriptions – effective Feb. 28, 2026. This new waiver applies to [retail network pharmacies](#) and [TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery](#). **Note:** *Active duty service members, including those with TPR, don't pay copayments for covered drugs.*

No action is needed on your part for this change to take effect. The copay waiver will not require you to [file claims](#) for reimbursement. Starting Feb. 28, when you fill a covered drug at a retail network pharmacy or through home delivery, the copayment will be \$0 automatically.

Note: *This copayment waiver doesn't apply to those living overseas. Active duty family members enrolled in [TRICARE Prime Remote Overseas](#) will still pay the [pharmacy copayment](#) for their pharmacy option.*

All covered prescriptions are included in this copayment waiver, including:

- [Generic drugs](#)
- [Brand-name drugs](#)
- [Non-formulary drugs](#)

Non-formulary drugs require a [medical necessity approval](#) from Express Scripts. Without this approval, you will need to fill the prescription at a retail pharmacy and pay the full drug price.

Certain [maintenance drugs](#) must be refilled through [home delivery](#). If not, after two courtesy fillings at a retail network pharmacy, you will be responsible for 100% of these drug's costs – as detailed in the [TRICARE Pharmacy Program Handbook](#).

Note: *If you fill a [non-covered drug](#), you will pay the full price. Other pharmacy rules, such as [prior authorization requirements](#) and medical necessity requirements, still remain in place.*

Visit the [TRICARE Pharmacy Program](#) to learn more about covered drugs, managing prescriptions, pharmacy options, and your overall TRICARE pharmacy benefits.

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“Now, active duty family members living far from a [military hospital or clinic](#) and enrolled in TPR won't pay copayments for covered drugs.

This change will help military families without access to [military pharmacies](#) keep their pharmacy costs down.”

Teisha Robertson, U.S. Public Health Service Cmdr., Chief, Pharmacy Integration Branch at
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