



Reduce Costs When Prescribing Metformin ER

Certain brands and generics of **extended-release (ER) metformin** have experienced significant price increases over the last several years. The following information will help you and your patients make informed decisions about affordable alternative medications that may help them control their diabetes at a lower cost.

The next time you prescribe **metformin ER**, we hope you will refer to this information and select an option that will save your patient money and support their adherence to their medication regimen.

What can you do for your patients who need metformin ER?

Consider using generic Glucophage® XR 500mg tablets for new patients and discuss switching current patients to this lower-cost product.

If you are unsure of which generic metformin ER to select, search for Glucophage XR in your electronic medical records (EMR) and allow the pharmacy to substitute its low-cost generic.

Metformin ER Cost Comparison			
Cost per Claim*: \$ = \$1 – \$24; \$\$ = \$250 – \$1,999; \$\$\$ = \$2,000 – \$6,499; \$\$\$\$ = \$6,500+			
Delivery	Medication Name	Cost per Claim*	Strengths
Immediate Release	Metformin tablet (generic GLUCOPHAGE)	\$	500mg, 850mg, 1000mg
Extended Release	Metformin ER tablet (generic GLUCOPHAGE XR)	\$	500mg, 750mg
	Metformin ER osmotic tablet (generic FORTAMET® ER)	\$\$	500mg, 1000mg
	Metformin ER gastric tablet (generic GLUMETZA® ER)	\$\$\$	
	GLUMETZA ER tablet	\$\$\$\$	

* Average overall EmblemHealth/ConnectiCare pricing per prescription as of Q1 2024. Medication coverage may vary by patient and line of business.

Please call our clinical pharmacist at **718-938-2174** if you need additional information.