



# Reduce Costs When Prescribing NSAIDs

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), at different strengths and drug forms, can cost significantly more than other clinically comparable alternatives.

## What can you do for all of your patients?

When medically appropriate:

- Prescribe the lower cost option when introducing a new medicine.
- Speak to patients who are taking these medicines about switching to a lower cost option.

| <b>Commonly Prescribed NSAIDs</b>   |  |                        |                      |
|---|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| Cost per Claim*: \$ = \$1 – \$49; \$\$ = \$50 – \$249; \$\$\$ = \$250 – \$999; \$\$\$\$ = \$1000 – \$2499; \$\$\$\$\$ = \$2500 – \$5000 |  |                        |                      |
|   | <b>Formulations</b>                          | <b>Cost Per Claim*</b> | <b>Strengths</b>     |
| <b>Diclofenac topical</b>   | Diclofenac Sodium topical solution or gel    | \$                     | 1%, 1.5%, 3%         |
|   | Diclofenac Sodium Pump                       | \$\$\$\$               | 2%                   |
|   | PENNSAID® Pump                               | \$\$\$\$\$             |                      |
| <b>Diclofenac oral</b>  | Diclofenac Potassium 50mg tablet             | \$                     | 50mg                 |
|   | Diclofenac Potassium 50mg powder packet      | \$\$\$\$               |                      |
|   | Diclofenac Potassium 25mg capsule            | \$\$\$\$               | 25mg                 |
|   | Diclofenac Potassium 25mg tablet/<br>LOFENA® | \$\$\$\$\$             |                      |
| <b>Meloxicam</b>  | Meloxicam 15mg tablet                        | \$                     | 15mg                 |
|   | Meloxicam 5 mg capsule                       | \$\$\$\$               | 5mg                  |
| <b>Naproxen</b>   | Naproxen 500mg tablet                        | \$                     | 500mg                |
|   | Naproxen DR 500mg tablet                     | \$\$                   | 500mg                |
|   | Naproxen 125mg/5ml suspension                | \$\$\$\$               | 125mg/5mL            |
| <b>Naproxen + Esomeprazole</b>  | Naproxen 375, 500mg + Esomeprazole 20mg      | \$                     | 375 or 500 mg + 20mg |
|   | VIMOVO® 375mg or 500mg-20mg Tablet           | \$\$\$\$\$             | 375 or 500mg-20mg    |
| <b>Ibuprofen + Famotidine</b>   | Ibuprofen 800mg + Famotidine 20mg tablet     | \$                     | 800mg + 20mg         |
|   | DUEXIS®                                      | \$\$\$\$               | 800mg-26.6mg         |

\*Average overall EmblemHealth/ConnectiCare pricing per prescription, Q3 2023. Medication coverage may vary by patient and line of business.