

2023 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan - Standard and Basic Option**Section 5. Benefits****Section 5(f). Prescription Drug Benefits**

• Generic equivalents

Generic equivalent drugs have the same active ingredients as their brand-name equivalents. By filling your prescriptions (or those of family members covered by the Plan) at a retail pharmacy, through the Specialty Drug Pharmacy Program, or, for Standard Option members and for Basic Option members with primary Medicare Part B, through the Mail Service Prescription Drug Program, you authorize the pharmacist to substitute any available U.S. FDA approved generic equivalent, unless you or your physician specifically requests a brand-name drug and indicates “dispense as written.” Keep in mind that **Basic Option members must use Preferred providers in order to receive benefits**. See Section 10, *Definitions*, page [154](#), for more information about generic alternatives and generic equivalents.