

Half-Tablet program helps your patients save money and lowers pharmacy costs

How does it work?

Write prescriptions for qualified once-daily medications with directions to take ½ tablet per day.

Who Saves?

- Half of UniCare's commercial medical-pharmacy members have the half-tab benefit. Members with this benefit pay just half their usual copay cost on select medications prescribed with instructions to take half of a tablet. The program does not apply to Medicare or Medicaid.
- Patients with a coinsurance save by paying their coinsurance percentage on a fewer number of tablets.
- Patients paying towards a deductible will pay out of pocket on a fewer number of tablets.
- The patient continues to save money on refills if they stay in the Half Tablet program.

Providers

- Prescribing half tablets for qualified medications lowers overall pharmacy costs
- Prescribing half tablets for qualified statin medications, for example, saves approximately \$5 for generic and \$35 for brand per 30-day prescription. This adds up to \$60-\$420 annually for each participating member.

Target Medication Dosages

- Rosuvastatin (Crestor) 10 and 20mg dose
- Atorvastatin (Lipitor) 5, 20 and 40mg dose
- Pravastatin (Pravachol) 10, 20, 40mg dose
- Simvastatin (Zocor) 5, 10, 20, 40mg dose

Example:

Whole tablet Prescription	Qty	Equivalent Half tablet Prescription	Qty
Crestor 20mg Take one tablet (20mg) once a day	30	Crestor 40mg Take ½ tablet (20mg) once a day	15

How were medications selected for the Half-Tablet benefit?

- There is a cost savings expected
- Medication is dosed once a day
- Medication is **NOT**:
 - Controlled release
 - Delayed release
 - Narrow therapeutic index

Patient selection tips

- Screen for patients or caregivers without dexterity, strength or visual deficiencies
- Does member have the cognitive ability to select the correct medications to split?

Tablet Splitting Tips:

DO	DON'T
Invest in a quality pill splitter -ask your pharmacist to help you select one	Break by pressing against the counter or using a knife
Cut the tablet at the time of consumption and use the remaining half prior to cutting a new tablet	Cut any medication in half without first discussing with your provider or pharmacist

* The Half-Tab Benefit is in place for select commercial members with combined medical-pharmacy coverage. The benefit applies to qualified tablets taken once a day. Personal savings may vary. Members should check their benefits booklet for the actual copay and coinsurance amounts to figure out how much they could save.