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FEP Blue Standard and FEP Blue Basic
Section 5(f)(a). FEP Medicare Prescription Drug Program

- **A generic equivalent will be dispensed if it is available** unless your physician specifically requires a brand-name drug. If you receive a brand-name drug when an FDA approved generic drug is available, and your physician has not specified "dispense as written" for the brand-name drug, you have to pay the difference in cost between the brand-name drug and the generic.

- **Why use generic drugs.** 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 pharmacy participating in our network, 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.” See Section 10, *Definitions*, for more information about generic alternatives and generic equivalents.