



# Infusion Drugs and Your Benefits

If you use an infusion drug (given through an I.V.), there may be some ways you can save money. What you pay can depend on where you go to get the drug infusion.

Infusion drugs that must be given to you by a health care provider are often covered under your medical benefits rather than your pharmacy benefits. Infusion drugs may include those used to treat chronic “maintenance” conditions like asthma, blood disorders, Crohn’s disease, immune deficiencies, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and more.

In most cases these drugs can be safely given to you in an in-network, non-hospital setting such as:

- A doctor’s office,
- A stand-alone infusion center, or
- Your home, through home health care.

If you and your doctor choose to get your infusion drug care at one of these settings listed above, you may lower your out of pocket cost.

## Infusion Drug Care Costs

In-Network Non-Hospital Setting*	In-Network Hospital Setting*	Out-of-Network Provider*
Doctor’s office, home health care, stand-alone infusion suite or center	Outpatient area of hospital or medical center	Any provider setting out of network
<b>LOWEST</b> Out-of-Pocket Cost	<b>HIGHER</b> Out-of-Pocket Cost	<b>HIGHEST</b> Out-of-Pocket Cost
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## Important Information About Your Infusion Drug Benefits

If you're getting an infusion drug now, or are thinking about starting on one, you should talk to your doctor about where to get the infusion. If you are getting care now, find out if changing your treatment location is right for you.

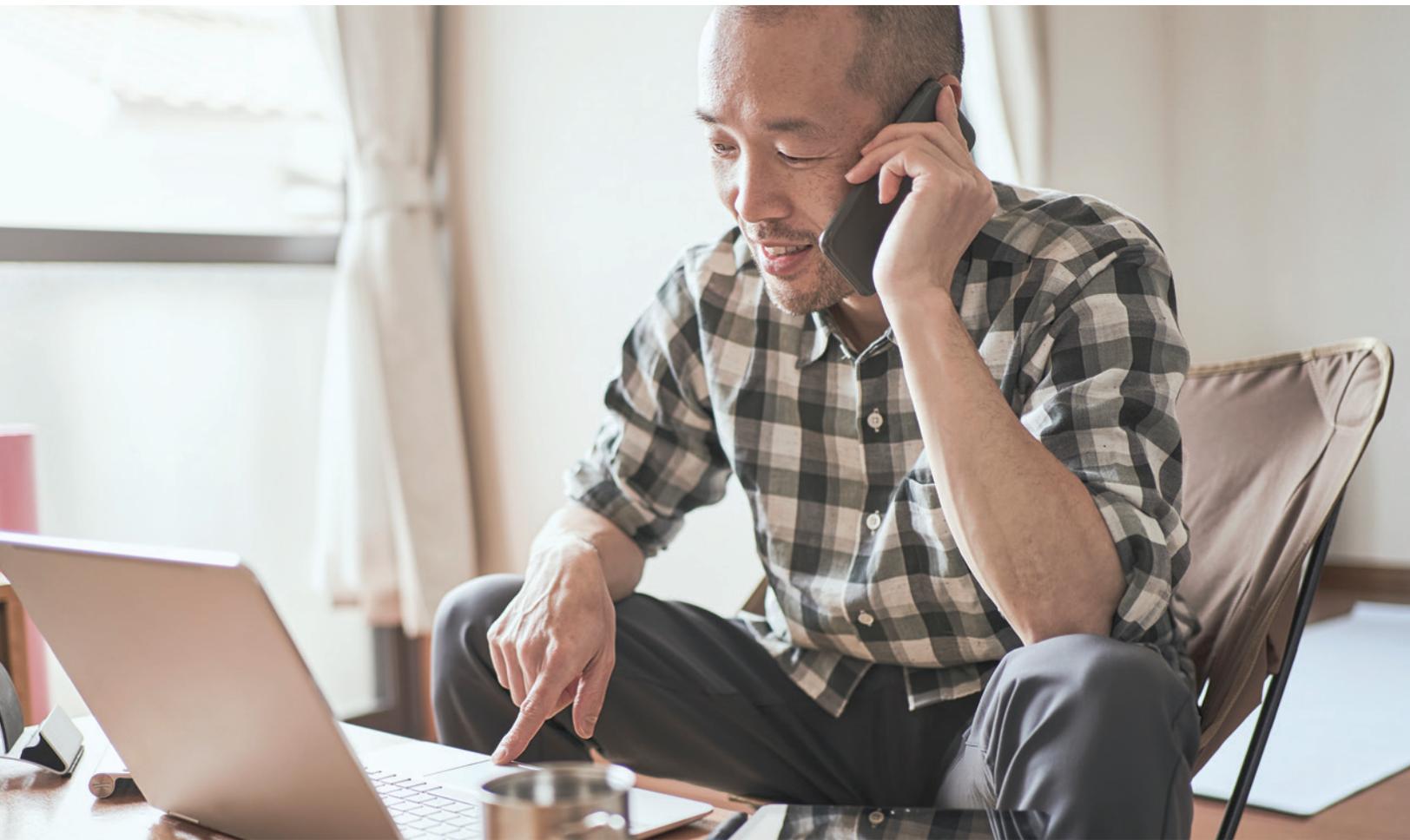
If you and your doctor decide to keep your treatments at a hospital, rather than some other setting, you may pay more for your treatments. In some cases, this means you may have to pay for the full cost of the drug and the fee for giving it to you.

Your doctor will also need to get prior authorization (or pre-approval) before these treatments may be covered. To help make sure that you avoid unexpected costs, it is important to get approval before you get these services. Once approved, you will pay your share for the cost of the drug, based on your plan. Your doctor can find these forms at [bcbsnm.com/provider](https://bcbsnm.com/provider).

## How can I find infusion drug locations?

You can call the number on your Member ID card for help finding infusion locations. We can help review your plan's coverage. We can also answer any questions and let you know what your costs may be based on where you choose to get your treatment.

**As always, treatment decisions are between you and your doctor.**



\*Coverage is based on the terms and limits of your benefit plan. Not all plans may provide out-of-network benefits. For plans that have a deductible, the out-of-pocket costs are separate. Your out-of-pocket costs for certain provider settings also may not count toward your plan's total out-of-pocket amounts. These out-of-pocket costs can be up to the full cost of the drug and/or the fee for your health care provider to give it to you, based on your benefit plan. See your plan materials for details.