

Helpful tip

Metformin XR is currently available generically as 3 different formulations:

Product, strengths	Brand reference	Approximate cost per month
Metformin XR 500mg, 750 mg	Glucophage XR	\$10 to \$20
Metformin ER 500 mg, 1000 mg	Fortamet ER	\$420 to \$720
Metformin ER 500 mg, 1000 mg	Glumetza ER	\$2,600 to \$5,700

Problem: Physician sends script for Metformin XR 1000 mg, pharmacy will select one of the more expensive therapies

Solution: Order Metformin XR 500 mg (generic for Glucophage XR) and indicate in directions to take 2 tablets (to equal 1000 mg)

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