

3/6/13 - Research

Do you provide a medical allowance for over-the-counter medications (non-prescription) and if so, how much?

8 PHAs responded: No

Other comments:

We allow the cost of the item as long as we have a receipt for it and it is listed on a form that the tenant takes to the doctor. All over-the-counter medications are listed on it and they fax it back to us. The tenant can not bring it to us.

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Over the counter medications are not included in medical expenses. How would we verify the drug it is for their own personal use?

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The allowance is considered if the tenant has a prescription from the doctor for the over-the-counter medication and counted the same was as prescription medications. They need to bring in prescription and receipt for their purchase.

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Yes, we allow over-the-counter medication for our elderly and disabled residents. It is added into other medical expenses prior to deducting the 3% of gross income.

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3%

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None, we use employee pay flex

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Over counter Rx Yes & full amt. if Dr. prescribed i.e. aspirin – vitamins – laxatives, etc.

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Must be recommended by Doctor and have receipts and use regularly.

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Yes, this also depends on what the tenant is paying in over-the-counter medications. This usually ranges from 25 a month to 250 a month depending on family size and what over-the-counter meds the family must have and use.

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We count over the counter medicines per our policy.

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Yes, if they are in excess of 3% of the annual gross income.

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We do allow over the counter medication if they have a doctor's note that advises the use and they have to present receipts for the purchase

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Whatever they provide as receipts, since so many allergy and other medications are over the counter now. If it is vitamins or supplements, we get a doctor's note that they are required

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We allow over the over the counter medicine that a resident can provide receipts for that fall within the prior 12 month lease period.

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yes we do allow over-the counter medication. The medication must be verified by the doctor such Bayer aspirins for heart patients or Previcid for Acid reflux. The amount that is allowed is what they usually pay for them.

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We do allow medical allowance for over-the-counter meds if the doctor is requiring them to take them. They have to bring us something from the doctor though stating that they have been advised by them to take the over the counter med.

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The client is allowed 100% of the over the counter medical allowance if we receive medical necessity from the doctor. Receipts must not have other items included and they cannot be marked on by the client. The date, name of medication and cost must be clearly visible.

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We allow our elderly and elderly disabled to claim with receipts. We have very few that claim over the counter, most that do are claiming vitamins that are not covered by insurance, but prescribed by their doctors.

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As of now, we have been told to give them the allowance, from what they bring us.

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Actual out of pocket expenses.

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Amount paid provided doctor ordered.

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Over the counter medications can only qualify for deduction if there is a current prescription (within the past 12 months) from a doctor instructing the family member to use them. We then require the family to provide the actual dated receipts with items and amounts highlighted.

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total tenant pays out of pocket with receipts

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Over-the-counter medications are calculated along with any other another out-of-pocket medical expense. However, over-the-counter medications are only considered if written documentation is provided by a physician. Total amount is calculated and deducted from the household's threshold (3% of annual income) If the amount does not exceed 3%, there is no deduction. Ex: Household income: 8940.00 threshold is 268.00 (3%) Out-of-pocket

expense is 300.00. 32.00 would be deducted from the Annual Income of 8940.00.

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Only if Dr. provides a prescription making it non-taxable and necessary.

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If they are claiming over-the-counter medications, they must have a doctor(s) statement stating that he/she must take all medications that he/she has receipts for. They must have an updated letter from the doctor(s) every year.