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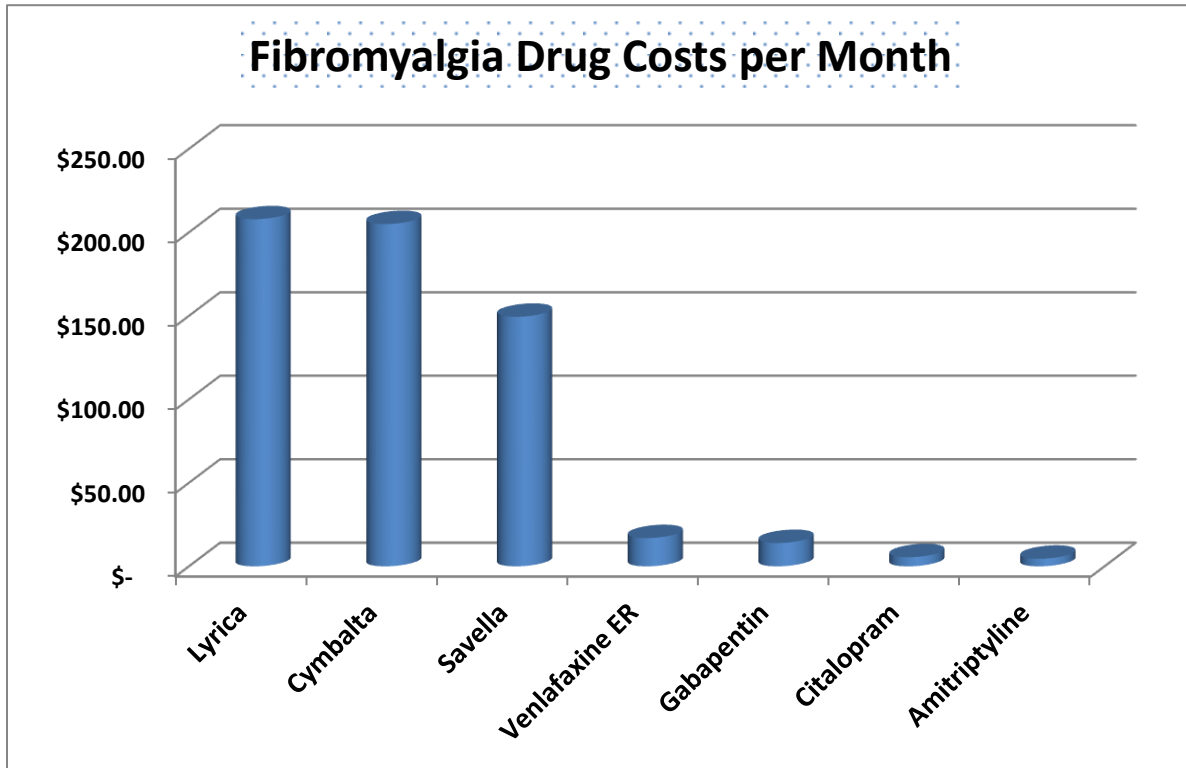
CareSource Pharmacy wants you to have the latest information to help you provide the best care for our Members. Over the past few months, we have sent you cost comparisons of several medications. The latest in this series, an overview of Fibromyalgia medications and costs, will arrive soon via fax. Please review the information and keep it on file should you wish to reference it when prescribing medications for CareSource Members.

Did you know...

- There are no trials that prove the direct superiority of one Fibromyalgia agent over other options.
- Some meta-analyses have suggested that amitriptyline is superior to Cymbalta and Savella for alleviating pain, sleep disturbances and fatigue.*
- Forty-five people can be treated with amitriptyline for every one person treated with Lyrica.
- Even when the dose of Gabapentin is maximized to 1800 mg/day, its cost is about one-quarter the price of both Lyrica and Cymbalta.

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A cost comparison of several medications used to treat Fibromyalgia highlights the potential savings for patients:



Lyrica	150 mg twice a day	\$ 207.89
Cymbalta	60 mg daily	\$ 205.00
Savella	50 mg twice a day	\$ 149.48
Venlafaxine ER	75 mg daily	\$ 16.95
Gabapentin	300 mg three times a day	\$ 14.00
Citalopram	40 mg daily	\$ 5.49
Amitriptyline	100 mg daily	\$ 4.56

Over the next several months we will send additional informational pieces like this one to you in the same manner. We hope you find them beneficial in your practice. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-488-0134 and follow the prompts to speak with Pharmacy Services.

Thank you for your participation with CareSource.

****Moore R.A., Derry S., Aldington D., Cole P., Wiffen P.J., 2012. Amitriptyline for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults (Review). The Cochrane Collaboration.**