

CalRx® Insulin Glargine

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



What is CalRx® Insulin Glargine and why is it different?

CalRx® Insulin Glargine is a low-cost, biosimilar, long-acting insulin produced under a California state initiative to make essential drugs more affordable. CalRx® Insulin Glargine is designated interchangeable, meaning that it is the same as the reference product, Lantus®. Your pharmacist can substitute it for eligible long-acting insulin products without requiring a new prescription.

How do I switch to CalRx® Insulin Glargine from another insulin?

Many patients can switch from other long-acting insulin products without needing a new prescription. Your pharmacist can confirm eligibility. Switching should only be done under supervision and monitoring by your healthcare provider to prevent issues with blood sugar control.

Do I need a new prescription?

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Will it work the same as Lantus®?

Yes. It's held to the same FDA standards and has been shown in rigorous testing to be just as effective and safe.

What will CalRx® Insulin Glargine cost?

The maximum retail price for CalRx® Insulin Glargine is \$55 for a 5-pack of 3 mL pens, although your costs may be lower if purchasing through insurance.

Can I purchase a single CalRx® Insulin Glargine pen for \$11?

No. CalRx® Insulin Glargine can only be purchased as a 5-pack of 3 mL pens at the maximum retail price of \$55, an average cost of \$11 per pen.

When will CalRx® Insulin Glargine be available in vials?

CalRx's insulin manufacturer, Civica®, continues its ongoing efforts to independently produce insulin glargine vials and pens under the CalRx® label. Civica is making good progress, and the State of California remains committed to making sure this initiative is successful.

Why is this needed?

Many Californians—especially those who are uninsured or those with high deductibles—still struggle to afford insulin. CalRx® Insulin Glargine helps ensure no one has to skip or reduce insulin due to cost.

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Will I be pressured to switch?

No. Any decision to switch should be made in collaboration with your care team. CalRx provides another safe, effective, and affordable choice.

Will my insurance cover CalRx® Insulin Glargine?

CalRx® Insulin Glargine is intended to be as accessible as possible. If you have insurance, CalRx® Insulin Glargine may be covered as a generic or biosimilar alternative to other insulins. Check with your plan's formulary to confirm if it is listed as a covered drug.