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Reminder: Quarterly Pharmacy Changes are published in two parts. The part 1 article covers changes that require member notification – drug list revisions/exclusions, dispensing limits, utilization-management changes and general information on pharmacy benefit program updates. Our members receive letters regarding these changes. The part 2 article includes updates that do not require member notification. These changes will be published closer to the **July 1, 2024**, effective date.

Drug List Changes

Based on the availability of new prescription medications and Prime's National Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee's review of changes in the pharmaceuticals market, some revisions (drugs still covered but moved to a higher out-of-pocket payment level) and/or exclusions (drugs no longer covered) will be made to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana drug lists, effective on or after July 1, 2024.

The July Quarterly Pharmacy Changes Part 2 article with recent coverage additions will be published closer to the July 1 effective date.

Your patient(s) may ask you about therapeutic or lower cost alternatives if their medication is affected by one of these changes.

Drug-list changes are listed on the charts below, or you can view the July 2024 drug lists on our member website.

Drug List Exclusions/Revisions – Effective July 1, 2024

| Drug ¹ | Alternatives ^{1, 2} | Drug Class/Condition |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| ACCURETIC (quinapril- hydrochlorothiazide tab 10-12.5 mg, 20-12.5 mg) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Hypertension |
| ALREX (loteprednol etabonate ophth susp 0.2%) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Ocular Inflammation/Pain |
| AMJEVITA (adalimumab-atto soln auto-injector 40 mg/0.8 ml) | Cyltezo, Humira | Autoimmune Disorders |
| AMJEVITA (adalimumab-atto soln prefilled syringe 10 mg/0.2 ml, 20 mg/0.4 ml, 40 mg/0.8 ml) | Cyltezo, Humira | Autoimmune Disorders |
| BROMSITE (bromfenac sodium ophth soln 0.075% (base equivalent)) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Inflammation-Ophthalmic |
| CONDYLOX (podofilox gel 0.5%) | Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | External Genital Warts |
| EMFLAZA (deflazacort tab 6 mg, 18 mg, 30 mg, 36 mg) | prednisone tablet | Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy |
| EXKIVITY (mobocertinib succinate cap 40 mg) | Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Cancer |

Balanced Drug List Exclusions

Balanced Drug List Exclusions

| Drug ¹ | Alternatives ^{1, 2} | Drug Class/Condition |
|--|---|--|
| FORTEO (teriparatide (recombinant) soln pen-inj 600 mcg/2.4 ml) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Osteoporosis |
| GRALISE (gabapentin (once-daily) tab 300 mg, 600 mg) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Post-herpetic Neuralgia |
| INDOCIN (indomethacin susp 25 mg/5 ml) | indomethacin capsule | Inflammatory Conditions |
| KORLYM (mifepristone tab 300 mg) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Cushing's Syndrome |
| LEXETTE (halobetasol propionate foam 0.05%) | clobetasol propionate solution 0.5% | Inflammation- Topical |
| NASCOBAL (cyanocobalamin nasal spray 500 mcg/0.1 ml) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Vitamin B12 Deficiency, Pernicious Anemia |
| PENTASA (mesalamine cap er 500 mg) | mesalamine tablet DR | Ulcerative Colitis |
| PRADAXA (dabigatran etexilate mesylate cap 110 mg (etexilate base eq)) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Thromboembolism/Stroke Prevention, DVT/PE Prevention and Treatment |
| XIIDRA (lifitegrast ophth soln 5%) | Restasis single dose vials, Tyrvaya | Dry Eye Disease |

Performance Drug List Exclusions

| Drug ¹ | Alternatives ^{1, 2} | Drug Class/Condition |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| ALREX (loteprednol etabonate ophth susp 0.2%) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Ocular Inflammation/Pain |
| AMJEVITA (adalimumab-atto soln auto- injector 40 mg/0.8 ml) | Hadlima, Humira | Autoimmune Disorders |

| Drug ¹ | Alternatives ^{1, 2} | Drug Class/Condition |
|--|---|--|
| AMJEVITA (adalimumab-atto soln prefilled syringe 10 mg/0.2 ml, 20 mg/0.4 ml, 40 mg/0.8 ml) | Hadlima, Humira | Autoimmune Disorders |
| EXKIVITY (mobocertinib succinate cap 40 mg) | Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Cancer |
| FORTEO (teriparatide (recombinant) soln pen-inj 600 mcg/2.4 ml) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Osteoporosis |
| KORLYM (mifepristone tab 300 mg) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Cushing's Syndrome |
| PRADAXA (dabigatran etexilate mesylate cap 110 mg (etexilate base eq)) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Thromboembolism/Stroke Prevention, DVT/PE Prevention and Treatment |

Performance Drug List Exclusions

Performance Select Drug List Exclusions

| Drug ¹ | Alternatives ^{1, 2} | Drug Class/Condition |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| ALREX (loteprednol etabonate ophth susp 0.2%) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Ocular Inflammation/Pain |
| AMJEVITA (adalimumab-atto soln auto- injector 40 mg/0.8 ml) | Cyltezo, Humira | Autoimmune Disorders |
| AMJEVITA (adalimumab-atto soln prefilled syringe 10 mg/0.2 ml, 20 mg/0.4 ml, 40 mg/0.8 ml) | Cyltezo, Humira | Autoimmune Disorders |
| BROMSITE (bromfenac sodium ophth soln 0.075% (base equivalent)) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Inflammation-Ophthalmic |
| clindamycin phosphate-benzoyl peroxide gel 1.2-2.5%, 1.2-3.75% | clindamycin phosphate-benzoyl peroxide refrigerated gel 1.2-2.5% | Acne |

Performance Select Drug List Exclusions

| Drug ¹ | Alternatives ^{1, 2} | Drug Class/Condition |
|--|---|--|
| EXKIVITY (mobocertinib succinate cap 40 mg) | Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Cancer |
| FORTEO (teriparatide (recombinant) soln pen-inj 600 mcg/2.4 ml) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Osteoporosis |
| GRALISE (gabapentin (once-daily) tab 300 mg, 600 mg) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Post-herpetic Neuralgia |
| KORLYM (mifepristone tab 300 mg) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Cushing's Syndrome |
| LIPOFEN (fenofibrate cap 50 mg, 150 mg) | atorvastatin tablet, lovastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin | Hyperlipidemia, Hypercholesterolemia, Hypertriglyceridemia |
| NASCOBAL (cyanocobalamin nasal spray 500 mcg/0.1 ml) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Vitamin B12 Deficiency, Pernicious Anemia |
| pitavastatin calcium tab 1 mg, 2 mg, 4 mg | atorvastatin tablet, lovastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin | Hyperlipidemia, Hypercholesterolemia |
| PRADAXA (dabigatran etexilate mesylate cap 110 mg (etexilate base eq)) | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Thromboembolism/Stroke Prevention, DVT/PE Prevention and Treatment |
| XIIDRA (lifitegrast ophth soln 5%) | Restasis single dose vials, Tyrvaya | Dry Eye Disease |

Health Insurance Marketplace (HIM) Drug List Exclusions

| Drug ¹ | Alternatives ^{1, 2} | Drug Class/Condition |
|--|---|----------------------|
| AMJEVITA (adalimumab-atto soln auto-injector 40 mg/0.8 ml) | Hadlima, Humira | Autoimmune Disorders |
| AMJEVITA (adalimumab-atto soln prefilled syringe 10 mg/0.2 ml, 20 mg/0.4 ml, 40 mg/0.8 ml) | Hadlima, Humira | Autoimmune Disorders |
| EXKIVITY (mobocertinib succinate cap 40 mg | Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Cancer |
| FORTEO (teriparatide (recombinant) soln pen-inj 600 mcg/2.4 ml | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Osteoporosis |

Basic, Multi-Tier Basic, Enhanced, and Multi-Tier Enhanced Revisions

| Drug ¹ | Preferred Alternatives ^{1, 2} | Drug Class/Condition |
|--|---|----------------------|
| AMJEVITA (adalimumab-atto soln auto-injector 40 mg/0.8 ml) | Hadlima, Humira | Autoimmune Disorders |
| AMJEVITA (adalimumab-atto soln prefilled syringe 10 mg/0.2 ml, 20 mg/0.4 ml, 40 mg/0.8 ml) | Hadlima, Humira | Autoimmune Disorders |
| FORTEO (teriparatide (recombinant) soln pen-inj 600 mcg/2.4 ml | There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Osteoporosis |

Drug Tier Changes – As of July 1, 2024

The tier changes listed below apply to members on a managed drug list. Members may pay more for these drugs after July 1, 2024.

Balanced Drug List Tier Changes

| Drug ¹ | Alternatives ^{1, 2} | Drug Class/Condition | New Tier |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| ACETAMINOPHEN/CODEINE (acetaminophen w/ codeine soln 120-12 mg/5 ml) | | Pain | Non-Preferred Brand |

Balanced Drug List Tier Changes

| Drug ¹ | Alternatives ^{1, 2} | Drug Class/Condition | New Tier |
|---|--|---|---------------------|
| FLUOCINOLONE ACETONIDE (fluocinolone acetonide cream 0.01%) | desonide cream 0.05%, triamcinolone acetonide cream 0.025% | Inflammation- Topical | Non-Preferred Brand |
| FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE (fluticasone propionate lotion 0.05%) | fluticasone propionate cream 0.05% | Inflammation- Topical | Non-Preferred Brand |
| GLUCAGON EMERGENCY KIT FO R LOW BLOOD SUGAR (glucagon (rdna) for inj kit 1 mg) | Baqsimi, Gvoke, Glucagon injection | Hypoglycemia | Non-Preferred Brand |
| GLYBURIDE MICRONIZED (glyburide micronized tab 1.5 mg, 3 mg 6 mg)) | glyburide tablet 1.25 mg, glyburide tablet 2.5 mg, glyburide tablet 5 mg | Diabetes | Non-Preferred Brand |
| HYDROCORTISONE ACETATE/PRAMOXINE (hydrocortisone acetate w/ pramoxine perianal cream 1-1%) | Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Pruritus, Dermatoses | Non-Preferred Brand |
| HYDROCORTISONE BUTYRATE (LIPID) (hydrocortisone butyrate hydrophilic lipo base cream 0.1%) | betamethasone valerate cream 0.1%, triamcinolone acetonide ointment 0.25% | Dermatitis, Dermatoses | Non-Preferred Brand |
| LIPOFEN (fenofibrate cap 50 mg, 150 mg) | atorvastatin tablet, lovastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin | Hyperlipidemia, Hypercholesterolemia , Hypertriglyceridemia | Non-Preferred Brand |
| MORPHINE SULFATE (morphine sulfate oral soln 10 mg/5 ml) | morphine sulfate oral solution 20 mg/ml, morphine sulfate tablet 15 mg, morphine sulfate tablet 30 mg | Pain | Non-Preferred Brand |
| PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE (perindopril erbumine tab 2 mg) | benazepril, captopril, enalapril, lisinopril, perindopril erbumine tablet 4 mg | Hypertension, Heart Failure | Non-Preferred Brand |
| VALSARTAN (valsartan oral soln 4 mg/ml) | valsartan tablet | Hypertension | Non-Preferred Brand |

Performance Drug List Tier Changes

| Drug ¹ | Alternatives ^{1, 2} | Drug Class/Condition | New Tier |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| ACETAMINOPHEN/CODEINE | acetaminophen/codeine | Pain | Non-Preferred |
| (acetaminophen w/ codeine soln | tablet 300-15 mg | | Brand |
| 120-12 mg/5 ml) | | | |

| Drug ¹ | Alternatives ^{1, 2} | Drug Class/Condition | New Tier |
|--|---|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| FLUOCINOLONE ACETONIDE (fluocinolone acetonide cream 0.01%) | desonide cream 0.05%, triamcinolone acetonide cream 0.025% | Inflammation- Topical | Non-Preferred Brand |
| GLUCAGON EMERGENCY KIT FOR LOW BLOOD SUGAR (glucagon (rdna) for inj kit 1 mg) | Baqsimi, Gvoke, Glucagon injection | Hypoglycemia | Non-Preferred Brand |
| GLYBURIDE MICRONIZED (glyburide micronized tab 1.5 mg, 3 mg 6 mg)) | glyburide tablet 1.25 mg, glyburide tablet 2.5 mg, glyburide tablet 5 mg | Diabetes | Non-Preferred Brand |
| HYDROCORTISONE ACETATE/PRAMOXINE (hydrocortisone acetate w/ pramoxine perianal cream 1-1%) | Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Pruritus, Dermatoses | Non-Preferred Brand |
| MORPHINE SULFATE (morphine sulfate oral soln 10 mg/5 ml) | morphine sulfate oral solution 20 mg/ml, morphine sulfate tablet 15 mg, morphine sulfate tablet 30 mg | Pain | Non-Preferred Brand |
| PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE (perindopril erbumine tab 2 mg) | benazepril, captopril, enalapril, lisinopril, perindopril erbumine tablet 4 mg | Hypertension, Heart Failure | Non-Preferred Brand |

Performance Select Drug List Tier Changes

| Drug ¹ | Alternatives ^{1, 2} | Drug Class/Condition | New Tier |
|---|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
| ACETAMINOPHEN/CODEINE (acetaminophen w/ codeine soln 120-12 mg/5 ml) | acetaminophen/codeine tablet 300-15 mg | Pain | Non-Preferred Brand |
| FLUOCINOLONE ACETONIDE (fluocinolone acetonide cream 0.01%) | desonide cream 0.05%, triamcinolone acetonide cream 0.025% | Inflammation- Topical | Non-Preferred Brand |
| GLUCAGON EMERGENCY KIT FO R LOW BLOOD SUGAR (glucagon (rdna) for inj kit 1 mg) | Baqsimi, Gvoke, Glucagon injection | Hypoglycemia | Non-Preferred Brand |
| GLYBURIDE MICRONIZED (glyburide micronized tab 1.5 mg, 3 mg 6 mg)) | glyburide tablet 1.25 mg, glyburide tablet 2.5 mg, glyburide tablet 5 mg | Diabetes | Non-Preferred Brand |
| HYDROCORTISONE ACETATE/PRAMOXINE (hydrocortisone acetate w/ pramoxine perianal cream 1-1%) | Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition. | Pruritus, Dermatoses | Non-Preferred Brand |

Performance Select Drug List Tier Changes

| Drug ¹ | Alternatives ^{1, 2} | Drug Class/Condition | New Tier |
|--|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| MORPHINE SULFATE (morphine sulfate oral soln 10 mg/5 ml) | morphine sulfate oral solution 20 mg/ml, morphine sulfate tablet 15 mg, morphine sulfate tablet 30 mg | Pain | Non-Preferred Brand |
| PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE (perindopril erbumine tab 2 mg) | benazepril, captopril, enalapril, lisinopril, perindopril erbumine tablet 4 mg | Hypertension, Heart Failure | Non-Preferred Brand |

Health Insurance Marketplace (HIM) Drug List

| Drug ¹ | Alternatives ^{1, 2} | Drug Class/Condition | New Tier |
|---|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| ACETAMINOPHEN/CODEINE (acetaminophen w/ codeine soln 120-12 mg/5 ml) | acetaminophen/codeine tablet 300-15 mg | Pain | Non-Preferred Brand |
| FLUOCINOLONE ACETONIDE (fluocinolone acetonide cream 0.01%) | desonide cream 0.05%, triamcinolone acetonide cream 0.025% | Inflammatory Conditions | Non-Preferred Brand |
| GLUCAGON EMERGENCY KIT (glucagon (rdna) for inj kit 1 mg | Baqsimi, Gvoke, Glucagon injection | Hypoglycemia | Non-Preferred Brand |
| GLYBURIDE MICRONIZED (glyburide micronized tab 1.5 mg, 3 mg and 6 mg) | glyburide tablet 1.25 mg, 2.5 mg and 5 mg | Diabetes | Non-Preferred Brand |
| MORPHINE SULFATE (morphine sulfate oral soln 10 mg/5 ml) | morphine sulfate oral solution 20 mg/ml, morphine sulfate tablet 15 mg and 30 mg | Pain | Non-Preferred Brand |
| PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE (perindopril erbumine tab 2 mg) | benazepril, captopril, enalapril, lisinopril, perindopril erbumine tablet 4 mg | Hypertension, Heart Failure | Non-Preferred Brand |

Utilization Management Program Changes

Utilization Management programs are implemented to regularly review the appropriateness of medications within drug-therapy programs, and as a result, may adjust dispensing limits, prior authorization or step-therapy requirements. The following drug programs reflect those changes.

Changes to Standard Prior Authorization Program – Effective July 1, 2024

Changes to drug categories and/or medications will be made to the Prior Authorization (PA) programs for standard pharmacy benefit plans. This includes ASO groups with a standard UM package and/or subcategory selection with auto updates.

For groups that have not selected the auto update, these programs will be available to be added to their benefit design as of the program effective date.

Members received letters regarding the program changes listed below.

Basic, Multi-Tier Basic, Enhanced, Enhanced and Multi-Tier Enhanced Drug Lists

| Drug Category | Medication(s) ¹ |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Biologic Immunomodulators PAQL | Amjevita soln for inject |

Updates to Prior Authorization Programs

| Program Name | Program Type | Description of Change | Drug Lists | Effective Date |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|----------------|
| Agamree Emflaza PAQL | Prior Authorization Specialty | Name changed and added target Agamree (vamorolone) 40 mg/mL oral susp | Balanced, Performance, Performance Select, Basic, Multi-Tier Basic, Enhanced, Multi-Tier Enhanced and HIM | 6/15/2024 |
| Fabhalta PAQL | Prior Authorization Specialty | New program with target Fabhalta (Iptacopan) 200 mg caps | Basic, Multi-Tier Basic, Enhanced, Multi-Tier Enhanced | 7/1/2024 |
| Hyperhidrosis PAQL | Prior Authorization | Program now applying for select drug list(s) with target Qbrexa 2.4% pad | Performance, Performance Select | 4/15/2025 |
| Oral Tetracycline Derivatives PA | Prior Authorization | Added targets Tetracycline Tabs 250 mg and 500 mg | Basic, Multi-Tier Basic, Enhanced, Multi-Tier Enhanced, HIM, Balanced, Performance, Performance Select | 2/19/2024 |

| Program Name | Program Type | Description of Change | Drug Lists | Effective Date |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|----------------|
| Substrate Reduction Therapy PAQL | Prior Authorization Specialty | Added target Opfolda (miglustat) 65 mg cap | Basic, Multi-Tier Basic, Enhanced, Multi-Tier Enhanced, HIM, Balanced, Performance, Performance Select | 6/1/2024 |
| Therapeutic Alternatives PAQL | Prior Authorization | Added target Coxanto (oxaprozin) 300 mg cap | Basic, Multi-Tier Basic, Enhanced, Multi-Tier Enhanced, HIM, Balanced, Performance, Performance Select | 7/1/2024 |
| Xphozah PAQL | Prior Authorization | New program with target Xphozah (tenapanor) 20 mg and 30 mg tab | Basic, Multi-Tier Basic, Enhanced, Multi-Tier Enhanced | 7/1/2024 |

Dispensing Limit Changes

BCBSMTs prescription-drug benefit program includes coverage limits on certain medications and drug categories. Dispensing limits are based on U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved dosage regimens and product labeling.

BCBSMT may send letters to all members with a claim for a drug included in the Dispensing Limit Program, regardless of the prescribed dosage. This means members may receive a letter even though their prescribed dosage doesn't meet or exceed the dispensing limit.

For the most up-to-date drug list and list of drug dispensing limits, visit the provider pharmacy webpage.

If your patients have any questions about their pharmacy benefits, please advise them to contact the number on their member ID card. Members may also log in to Blue Access for MembersSM (BAMSM) or MyPrime.com for more online resources.

Dispensing Limit changes are on the chart below with their effective date.

View the most up-to-date drug lists and dispensing limits onbcbsmt.com.

| Program | Target Agent | Dispensing Limit | Effective Date |
|---------------|---|---------------------|----------------|
| Fabhalta PAQL | Fabhalta (iptacopan) 200 mg caps | 60 caps per 30 days | 7/1/2024 |
| Xphozah PAQL | Xphozah (tenapanor hcl) 20 mg tab, 30 mg tab | 60 tabs per 30 days | 7/1/2024 |

Basic, Multi-Tier Basic, Enhanced, Multi-Tier Enhanced Drug Lists

Basic, Multi-Tier Basic, Enhanced, Multi-Tier Enhanced, Balanced, Performance, Performance Select, Health Insurance Marketplace (HIM) Drug Lists

| Program | Target Agent | Dispensing Limit | Effective Date |
|---|---|----------------------|----------------|
| Agamree Emflaza PAQL | Agamree (vamorolone) 40 mg/mL oral susp | 300 mLs per 30 days | 6/15/2024 |
| GLP-1 (glucagon-like peptide-1) agonist PAQL | Mounjaro (tirzepatide) soln pen injector 2.5 mg/0.5 mL | 4 pens per 180 days | 7/1/2024* |
| Substrate Reduction Therapy PAQL | Opfolda (miglustat) 65 mg cap | 8 caps per 28 days | 6/1/2024 |
| Therapeutic Alternatives PAQL | Coxanto (oxaprozin) 300 mg caps | 120 caps per 30 days | 7/1/2024 |

*Members with quarterly updates were lettered on this change. Members with annual updates will be lettered prior to their 2025 renewal date.

Pharmacy Benefits Updates

Visit the Provider's Pharmacy page for resource materials. Stay tuned to Blue Review for additional Pharmacy Program updates.

Reminder: BCBSMT's Updated Approach to Managing GLP-1 Agonist Medications

BCBSMT is committed to providing its members access to safe, appropriate, and cost-effective health care within their plan benefits. To ensure the appropriate use of GLP-1s as indicated for diabetes, we are making it easier for providers to bypass our prior authorization (PA) process for some of our members with diabetes.

Members may have received a letter regarding this new approach. BCBSMT mailed letters in late April to members with annual changes with a July, August or September renewal date. For more information, review the article on bcbsmt.com

Zepbound Added as a Custom Benefit Option on Select BCBSMT Drug Lists

Following its FDA approval for weight management, the GLP-1 drug Zepbound (tirzepatide) was added as a custom benefit option on the Performance, Performance Select and Balanced drug lists, effective April 15, 2024. Coverage of weight loss drugs, including Zepbound, is not a standard benefit for BCBSMT plans. However, self-funded groups have the option to cover weight loss drugs, including Zepbound, as a custom benefit.

Please note: The drug addition was not printed in the April 2024 drug lists published on bcbsMT.com due to a late, formulary coverage decision. The drug will appear in the July 2024 publications with a notation for group-specific coverage. Members utilizing digital tools as of April 1, 2024, will see coverage notations as applicable. Members can refer to their benefit materials for coverage details or call the number on their member ID card for assistance.

Links to Commonly Used Forms Now Available

Links to some commonly used forms have been added to our provider website.

- The Affordable Care Act (ACA) Copay Waiver form can be used to request \$0 member cost share for preventive drug products not covered on a BCBSMT commercial plan drug list. There is also a program summary with more details on when and how to use this form.
- The Formulary Coverage Exception form can be used to request coverage for drug products not covered on a BCBSMT commercial plan drug list.

¹*Third-party brand names are the property of their respective owner.*

²This list is not all inclusive. Other medicines may be available in this drug class.

³Coverage of medications is still subject to the limits, exclusions and out-of-pocket requirements based on the member's plan.

⁺This drug is based on group-specific coverage. Members should refer to their benefit materials for coverage details or call the number on the back of their member ID card.

Please note: If coverage of the member's medication is changed on their prescription drug list, the amount the member will pay for the same medication under this preventive drug benefit may also change.

The information mentioned here is for informational purposes only and is not a substitute for the independent medical judgment of a physician. Physicians are to exercise their own medical judgment. Pharmacy benefits and limits are subject to the terms set forth in the member's certificate of coverage which may vary from the limits set forth above. The listing of any drug or classification of drugs is not a guarantee of benefits. Members should refer to their certificate of coverage for more details, including benefits, limitations and exclusions. Regardless of benefits, the final decision about any medication is between the member and their health care provider.