

## Medicare Part D Transition Policy

### Overview

For Medicare Part D members who are new to Pharmacy Services, we want to make your transition as seamless as possible. That's why we have policies in place for any prescription drugs that you may be taking. During the first 90 days of membership, we offer a temporary supply of medications to Medicare Part D members who:

- Are taking a medication that is not on the formulary or
- Are taking a medication that is subject to certain restrictions such as prior approval, quantity limits or step therapy, depending on place of service.

Pharmacy Services will offer a temporary one-time fill for a nonformulary drug. The copay will be based on one of our approved formulary tiers. It will also be consistent with cost-sharing charged for non-formulary drugs that are approved under a coverage exception. Copays for members who are eligible for "extra help" will never exceed the copay maximums set by CMS for low-income members.

If you are a current member affected by a formulary change from one year to the next, we will provide a temporary supply of the nonformulary drug if you need a refill for the drug during the first 90 days of the new plan year for retail pharmacy or during the first 180 days of the new plan year for a long-term care facility.

### What are the details of the retail pharmacy policy?

Provided that the drug is dispensed from a participating pharmacy, Pharmacy Services will offer a one-time fill of up to a 30-day supply of a drug even if:

- The drug is not a formulary drug.
- The drug requires prior approval.
- The drug does not meet the required step therapy edits.

### Who is eligible?

Newly eligible Medicare Part D participants or those enrolling from another plan during their first **90 days** of membership.

### What are the details of the long-term care facility transition policy?

Provided that the drug is dispensed from a participating pharmacy, qualified long-term care facility residents will be provided up to a 90-day transitional supply of a drug for a 180-day transition period even if:

- The drug is not a formulary drug.
- The drug requires prior approval.
- The drug does not meet the required step therapy edits.

If the prescription is written for fewer days and has applicable refills, it will be authorized.

**Who is eligible?**

Newly eligible Medicare Part D participants or those enrolling from another plan during their first **180 days** of membership.