

Pharmacy transition update

This applies to Rocky Mountain Health Plans (Medicaid PRIME) and CHP+ plans

This quick reference guide is designed to help you transition new Rocky Mountain Health Plans (Medicaid PRIME) and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) Members to our pharmacy benefits. For Members who joined Rocky Mountain Health Plans (Medicaid PRIME) or CHP+ on or after July 1, 2022, covered medications that were listed on the preferred drug list (PDL) of their previous insurance carrier are currently being covered. Our plans also covers medications that are not on Members' current PDLs. These transition benefits will end on Dec. 31, 2023.



What this means for you

If a Member is currently taking a non-preferred medication, they'll need a new prescription for a covered medication on their current PDL. Or they'll need a prior authorization submitted and approved to continue current treatment.



Transition of care benefits

The following are highlights of what's currently covered under our transitional pharmacy benefits:

- Transition of care benefits apply to all Rocky Mountain Health Plans (Medicaid PRIME) and CHP+ Members
- Transition of care benefits allow Members to get prescriptions not covered on PDLs filled, and/or to bypass some PDL requirements

Note: You'll have to follow existing pharmacy requirements for using PDL medications beginning Jan. 1, 2024. Any non-covered medications will be denied without a prior authorization in place.



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Potential covered alternatives include the following:

- Humira®
 - Hadlima® is covered when Humira is not. Brand is not covered in many situations.
- Adderall®
 - Dextroamphetamine/amphetamine is covered but still requires prior authorization. Brand is not covered for Rocky Mountain Health Plans (Medicaid PRIME) members.

Note: All ADHD/ADD products require prior authorization. However, prior authorization may be bypassed at point-of-sale by the pharmacy if an ICD-10 diagnosis is included on the prescription and if it's used for FDA-approved purposes.

- Continuous blood glucose devices (CGM devices)
 - These are not part of Rocky Mountain Health Plans (Medicaid PRIME) Member benefits for anyone age 22 or older. You must work with Colorado Medicaid (Health First Colorado) and their prior authorization vendor, Kepro, for coverage of these devices.
- Advair Diskus or HFA
 - Fluticasone-salmeterol (generic AirDuo, not generic Advair) is covered. Brand is not covered.
- Symbicort®
 - Fluticasone-salmeterol (generic AirDuo, not generic Advair) is covered. Brand or generic is not covered first-line.
- Xarelto®
 - Eliquis® is covered. Xarelto is not covered first-line.
- Lidocaine
 - Lidocaine 4% cream is the preferred medication. Lidocaine 5% patches and 5% ointment are non-preferred and require prior authorization.
- Over-the-counter (OTC) medication
 - A prescription is required for coverage. Pharmacies may fill OTC prescriptions if they're written for generic medications. Some examples include cetirizine, omeprazole and fexofenadine.
- Dosing
 - Prior authorization is required if you are prescribing outside of FDA-approved dosing
- Quantity limits
 - Quantity limits are placed on most medications. There are also quantity limits set to lower pill burden. Transitioning to higher strengths of the same medication may be required.

Note: If there is a generic available, Rocky Mountain Health Plans (Medicaid PRIME)/CHP+ PDL is designed to prioritize generic use before brand medications. This includes medications in the same prescription drug class.



Medications not covered

The following are not covered under Health First Colorado. Rocky Mountain Health Plans (Medicaid PRIME)/CHP+ follows Health First Colorado guidance to exclude these from the Member's benefits.

- Non-rebatable medications
 - Medicaid requires all manufacturers to participate in the CMS rebate program. If a manufacturer leaves the rebate program, the medication is no longer covered. [Learn more.](#)
- Fertility medications
- Drug Efficacy Study Implementation (DESI) medications
 - These are medications that have never been proven both safe and effective by the FDA. The vast majority are medications that have been proven safe and the FDA allows them to stay on the market but never proven effective by clinical trials that the FDA requires of current medications. [Learn more.](#)
- Cosmetic medications
- Weight-loss medications
- Sexual or erectile dysfunction medications
 - This does not include gender dysphoria treatments, which are covered.



72-hour emergency supply

The following is for emergencies only:

- Rocky Mountain Health Plans (Medicaid PRIME)/CHP+ allows pharmacies to fill up to a 3-day supply of any medication without restriction to the PDL

Questions?

We're here to help. For specific questions regarding this change, please send us an email at rmhppharmacy.reps@uhc.com.



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