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Medicare Formulary Transition Policy

Overview

For Medicare Part D members who are new to Florida Health Care Plan (FHCP), we want to make your transition as seamless as possible. During the first 90 days of membership, we offer a temporary 31 day supply of medications to Medicare Part D members who:

- Are taking a Part D eligible medication that is not on the formulary; or
- Are taking a medication that is subject to certain restrictions such as prior authorization, quantity limits or step therapy.
- Are taking a medication that has an approved quantity limit that is lower than the beneficiary's current dose.

Florida Health Care Plan pharmacies will offer a temporary, one-time fill for a Part D eligible non-formulary drug. The co-pay will be based on one of our non-preferred generic, non-preferred brand, or specialty tiers. Transition supply co-payments for members who have a Low Income Subsidy (LIS) will not exceed the statutory maximums set by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for low-income subsidy enrollees.

If you are a current member affected by a negative formulary change from one year to the next, we will provide a temporary supply of the non-formulary drug if you need a refill for the drug during the first 90 days of the new plan year at a FHCP outpatient pharmacy or during the first 180 days of the new plan year for a long-term care facility. This 90 day period will extend across plan years for members who enroll on November 1st or December 1st.

Florida Health Care Plan has also provided all new Medicare enrollees with a Medicare Medication Transition Form, which a clinical pharmacist will use to assist your or your doctor in finding safe and effective formulary alternatives to a non-formulary medication.

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?

All LTC members who are new to FHCP will be eligible to continue their medications through the LTC pharmacy. LTC members who receive their medications through FHCP LTC pharmacies will receive **up to a 91 to 98 day** fill.

Long Term Care Facilities (LTC) have an Open Formulary. Members who experience a transition in care from a LTC to home will be eligible for a 31 day transition supply of medication.

What If there are no Medically Appropriate Formulary medications for my Non-Formulary medication?

You or your doctor can contact FHCP's Member Services Department at the number listed below and have a right to request an exception to the Florida Health Care Plan formulary. You or your physician will be asked to submit clinical documentation to support the necessity of the medication.

How Can I or My Doctor get help finding a lower cost Formulary Medication?

Fill out the Medicare Medication Transition Form and send back to Florida Health Care Plan. The form will be reviewed by a clinical pharmacist with experience in therapeutic interchange who will make recommendations to you or your doctor regarding similar formulary medications. You or your doctor may also speak with one of our clinical pharmacists Monday through Friday 8:30 am- 5:30pm by contacting our Member Services Department at 386-615-4022 or 1-877-615-4022, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, 7 days a week. The Hearing Impaired may call TRS Relay 711.