

## General Transition Notice

### **What if my current prescription drugs are not on the formulary or are limited on the formulary?**

#### New Members

As a new member in our plan, you may currently be taking drugs that are not on our formulary or are on our formulary but your ability to get them is limited. In instances like these, you need to talk with your doctor about appropriate alternative therapies available on our formulary. If there are no appropriate alternative therapies on our formulary, you or your doctor can request a formulary exception. If the exception is approved, you will be able to obtain the drug you are taking for a specified period of time. While you are talking with your doctor to determine your course of action, you may be eligible to receive an initial 30 days transition supply of the drug anytime during the first 90 days you are a member of our plan.

For each of your drugs that is not on our formulary or for situations where your ability to get your drugs is limited, we will cover a temporary 30-day supply (unless you have a prescription written for fewer days) when you go to a network pharmacy. After your first 30-day transition supply, we may not continue to pay for these drugs under the transition policy. You are reminded to discuss with your doctor appropriate alternative therapies on our formulary and if there are none, you or your doctor can request a formulary exception.

If you are a resident of a long-term care facility, we will cover a temporary 31-day transition supply (unless you have a prescription 93 days you are a member of our plan). If you need a drug that is not on our formulary or your ability to get your drugs is limited, but you are past the first 93 days of membership in our plan, we will cover a 31-day emergency supply of that drug (unless you have a prescription for fewer days) while you pursue a formulary exception.

#### Continuing Members

As a continuing member in the plan, you will receive your Annual Notice Of Change (ANOC) by October 31<sup>st</sup>. You may notice that a formulary medication which you are currently taking is either not on the upcoming year's formulary or its cost sharing or coverage is limited in the upcoming year.

In this case, you must work with your doctor to either find an appropriate alternative therapy on our new formulary or request a formulary exception prior to the beginning of the new year. If the exception request is approved, we will authorize payment prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> and provide coverage beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>.

If a current enrollee experiences a level of care change causing the script to initially reject at the pharmacy, the pharmacist will call the pharmacy help desk, explain the level of care change, and request an override to allow the claim to process. For example, enrollees experiencing a change in treatment settings outside of any other valid transition period would receive a 14-day transition supply for a non-formulary drug, a formulary PA drug, or step therapy drug. If such a change in treatment settings occurs during another valid transition period (for example during the first 90 days of enrollment in the plan), then the longer transition rule will be applied.

If you have any questions about our transition policy or need help asking for a formulary exception, call member services at 1-800-204-1002, TTY/TDD 1-800-713-1603.