



CDPHP Medicare Choices Part D Transition Program

New members in our plan may be taking drugs that are not in our formulary (also known as a "drug list") or that are subject to certain restrictions, such as prior authorization or step therapy. Current members also may be affected by changes in our formulary from one year to the next.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires CDPHP—and all Medicare Part D sponsors—to provide *new* Part D members with a transition program that ensures a safe transfer from their previous plan to the CDPHP prescription drug benefit and *current* Part D members with effective medications that are appropriate for their care.

The purpose of the CDPHP Transition Program is to prevent disruption of therapy for members taking Part D-eligible medications that either are not covered on the CDPHP Medicare Choices Part D formulary or are subject to restrictions and limitations. Most drugs in selected therapeutic classes such as HIV/AIDS therapies, antipsychotic medications, anticonvulsants, and antidepressants are covered on the formulary.

For drugs that are subject to a restriction or limitation, members are:

- Allowed up to one 30-day supply; and
- Encouraged to talk to their prescribing physician about switching to another drug on the CDPHP formulary and/or the need for requesting a formulary exception.

Members residing in a Long Term Care facility and members who experience an unplanned change in level of care will be granted a one-time override, so they can continue to receive their medication while a formulary exception request is processed. The pharmacy filling the prescription is responsible for obtaining the override from CDPHP.

CDPHP understands that there are other circumstances in which an override may be granted. These situations are managed on a case-by-case basis through communication between the dispensing pharmacy and CDPHP.

Please note that the CDPHP Transition Program applies only to those drugs that are "Part D drugs" and that are bought at a network pharmacy. Our transition policy cannot be used to buy a non-Part D drug or a drug out of network, unless you qualify for out-of-network access.