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SPECIAL BULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS

OCT. 31, 2016

ATTN: PRESCRIBING PHYSICIANS

NEW ESSENTIAL FORMULARY

EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2017

Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, some Highmark plans will include the new Highmark Essential Formulary. Please note that certain medications will not be covered on this closed formulary. Patients who continue to use the medications that are not on the formulary after the Jan. 1, 2017 effective date will be responsible for the entire cost of the drug(s).

To ensure that your patients covered by the Highmark Essential Formulary receive the maximum benefit with their prescription drug coverage, please consider the available formulary drug alternatives. The complete list of drugs included on the Highmark Essential Formulary, listed by therapeutic class, is available at highmarkessentialformulary.com.

If there are no appropriate formulary alternatives, you should submit a medication request for continued use of this drug. You should also keep a copy of this notice in the patient's medical record for future reference.

Letters have been sent to the Highmark members who have been identified as using these medications, as well as each prescribing provider.