SPECIAL BULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS **OCT. 1, 2014**

ATTN: ONCOLOGISTS, OPHTHALMOLOGISTS, OBSTETRICIANS/GYNECOLOGISTS, ALLERGISTS, IMMUNOLOGISTS, GENETICISTS, NEUROLOGISTS

SIX DRUGS BEING ADDED TO SELF-ADMINISTERED INJECTABLE OR ORAL BIOTECHNOLOGY DRUGS PROGRAM

EFFECTIVE 12/1/14

On Dec. 1, 2014, the following six drugs will be added to Highmark's program for self-administered injectable or oral biotechnology drugs.

- Cerdelga
- Cystaran
- Lupaneta
- Matulane
- Plegridy
- Ruconest

WALGREEN'S SPECIALTY PHARMACY

As a reminder, Walgreen's Specialty Pharmacy is Highmark's exclusive specialty pharmacy vendor. Members who use the drugs listed above will need to obtain them exclusively from Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy*. The drugs listed above will no longer be covered if obtained at a retail pharmacy or via mail order service.

Due to Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage regulations, the program is not mandatory for Medicare Advantage (Security Blue HMO or Freedom Blue PPO) or Blue Rx PDP patients. However, Medicare Advantage patients still have the option to obtain their specialty drugs through Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy.

SIMPLIFIED PRECERTIFICATION PROCESS

There are no changes to medical policy or procedures. Members whose benefit designs currently require prior authorization for the drugs listed above will continue to require prior authorization. Physicians are responsible for obtaining authorizations.

You can simply make a telephone call to Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy at 1-888-347-3416 to initiate the prior authorization process and to order select drugs for your patients. Through this simplified procedure, physicians save time and members receive these medications promptly and directly at their homes.

You can also use the NaviNet® *Authorization Submission* transaction for prescription drug authorizations and for any pharmacy authorization requests, including non-formulary exception requests, prior authorization, or Managed Rx Coverage (MRxC) programs. Physicians can also continue to use the *Specialty Drug Request Form*, which can be found in the *Provider Forms* section on our Provider Resource Center at **www.highmarkbcbs.com**.

If you have questions about our program for self-administered injectable or oral biotechnology specialty drugs, please contact Provider Services at 1-800-547-3627, Option 7.

*Member benefits may vary. Verify members' benefits prior to service via the *Eligibility and Benefits* function on NaviNet.

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