SPECIAL BULLETIN

Oct. 1, 2014

ATTN: PHYSICIANS ORDERING HOME INFUSION THERAPIES (HIT) FOR HIGHMARK PATIENTS

WALGREENS SPECIALTY PHARMACY® WILL BE DESIGNATED PROVIDER FOR CERTAIN HIT DRUGS

ALPROLIX, ELOCTATE AND RUCONEST

Beginning Dec. 1, 2014, Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy (WSP) will become the designated HIT provider for the following drugs and any related services and supplies:

Procedure Code	Drug Name
J7199	Alprolix
J7199	Eloctate
J3590	Ruconest

ORDER CERTAIN HIT DRUGS THROUGH WALGREENS SPECIALTY PHARMACY

WSP is Highmark's exclusive specialty pharmacy vendor. Since 2005, WSP has been the designed HIT provider for antihemophilic factor products, immune globulin intravenous products, imiglucerase and any related nursing services and supplies. WSP is fully accredited as a HIT provider and employs staff members with expertise in infusion therapy.

The HIT program applies only to *Keystone Blue*, *Direct Blue*®, *EPO Blue*, *PPO Blue*, *Community Blue*, Security Blue HMO and Freedom Blue PPO members. This program doesn't apply to Highmark members with indemnity coverage, members of the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEP) or *BlueCard*® patients.

HOW TO ORDER

After the effective dates noted above, physicians ordering Alprolix, Eloctate and Ruconest for their Keystone Blue, Direct Blue, EPO Blue, PPO Blue, Security Blue HMO and Freedom Blue PPO patients can write a prescription for the appropriate medication, and contact WSP to fill the order and to request any necessary nursing services. When you use WSP to obtain Alprolix, Eloctate and Ruconest, WSP contracts with local nursing agencies and can provide any necessary nursing services and supplies associated with therapies for these patients.

You can reach WSP by telephone at 1-888-347-3416. (For emergencies, a pharmacist is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.) When you use WSP to obtain these drugs, WSP will bill Highmark directly for the costs of these drugs, nursing services and supplies.

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In addition to Alprolix, Eloctate and Ruconest, WSP can also provide your Highmark patients with all other types of HIT therapies. Highmark will keep you informed of any changes or additions to the HIT program, such as if new infusion drugs are added. Watch your mail and check the NaviNet® Plan Central page for updates.

NOTE TO PHYSICIANS: CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR HIGHMARK PATIENTS

WSP currently subcontracts with multiple accredited/certified nursing agencies in western Pennsylvania that provide qualified nurses trained in infusion therapy. WSP will make every effort to subcontract with the nursing agencies that are currently serving your patients who receive therapy with Alprolix, Eloctate and Ruconest so there is a seamless transition from the current provider to WSP. If one of your patients is receiving services from a nurse who is compensated by another HIT provider, and WSP is unable to contract with that provider, WSP will work with you to identify a new nursing agency with qualified nurses.