

SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL AND FACILITY

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ATTN: PRESCRIBING PHYSICIANS

EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2019: CERTAIN MEDICATIONS OR PRODUCTS WILL NO LONGER BE COVERED UNDER PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield West Virginia offers members comprehensive benefit plans that may include medical and prescription drug benefit options. The outpatient prescription drug benefit is designed to cover an extensive list of prescription drugs approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. In the past, the outpatient prescription drug benefit also covered other medications and products, including, but not limited to: certain injectable drugs and medical foods.

Effective **Jan. 1, 2019**, certain injectable drugs and medical food products will no longer be covered under the member's outpatient prescription drug benefit. Examples of impacted medications and products are listed at the end of this bulletin.

We have mailed letters to affected members and their supporting physicians advising them of the currently excluded medications and products. The letters suggested that the member confirm if the affected medication or product is covered under their **medical benefit** in time for Jan. 1, 2019. If the medication or product is not covered under the medical benefit, we suggest that patients discuss alternative treatment options with their physician, if clinically appropriate. Should no other treatment option be appropriate, the patients will be responsible for the entire cost of these medications and products. If you receive a request to assist a member with alternative medications, please review the member's formulary for the most current options.



The following represents a partial list of medications and products that are affected:

MEDICATION or PRODUCT
ABILIFY MAINTENA
ARESTIN
AVASTIN
AVEED
BAXDELA
BENDEKA
BOTOX
CYTARABINE
DOCETAXEL
ENTYVIO
EUFLEXXA
FABRAZYME
FERREX 150 FORTE
FOLBEE
FOLGARD OS
FOLGARD RX
FOLPLEX 2.2
GEL-ONE
GLASSIA
HERCEPTIN
HYALGAN
INJECTAFER
INVEGA SUSTENNA
MAKENA
MINIMED RESERVOIR
MONOVISC
NUCALA
OCREVUS
ORTHOVISC
PARADIGM RESERVOIR
PHYSICIANS EZ USE B-12
PROLASTIN C
REMICADE
RISPERDAL CONSTA
RITUXAN
SPINRAZA
STELARA IV
SUPARTZ FX
SUPER B COMPLEX-VITAMIN C
SYNAGIS
SYNVISC
SYNVISC-ONE
THYROGEN
TL GARD RX

TYSABRI
UREA
VIRT-VITE
VIVITROL
XIAFLEX
XOLAIR
XYZBAC
ZEMAIRA
ZOLEDRONIC ACID
ZYVIT