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2019 Transition Policy for Humana’s Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

Contract IDs:

Humana wants to be sure that you, as a new or existing member, safely transition into the 2019 plan year. In 2019, you may not be able to receive your current drug therapy if the medicine:
- Is not on Humana’s formulary drug list (i.e. is “non-formulary” or “not covered”) or
- Has utilization management requirements, such as prior authorization, quantity limits, or step therapy requirements

Cost-Sharing for Drugs Provided Through the Transition Policy
- If you’re eligible for the low-income subsidy (LIS) in 2019, your copayment or coinsurance for a temporary supply of drugs provided during your transition period won’t exceed your LIS limit.
- For non-LIS enrollees, the copayment or coinsurance will be based on the approved drug cost-sharing tiers for your plan and is consistent with the cost-sharing tier Humana would charge for non-formulary drugs approved under a coverage exception and the same cost sharing for formulary drugs subject to utilization management edits provided during the transition that would apply once the utilization management criteria are met.

One-Time Transition Supply at a Retail or Mail-Order Pharmacy
Beginning Jan. 1, 2019, when you have limited ability to receive your current prescription therapy:
- Humana will cover a one-time, 30-day supply of a Part D covered drug unless the prescription is written for less than 30 days (in which case Humana will allow multiple fills to provide up to a total of 30 days of medication) during the first 90 days of your eligibility for the current plan year, or during the first 90 days of your enrollment. Humana will provide refills for transition prescriptions dispensed for less than the written amount due to quantity limits for safety purposes or drug utilization edits that are based on approved product labeling.
- After you receive a transition supply, you’ll receive a letter that explains the temporary nature of the transition medication supply. After you receive the letter, talk to your prescriber and decide if you should switch to an alternative drug or request an exception or prior authorization. Humana may not pay for refills of temporary supply drugs until an exception or prior authorization has been requested and approved.
Transition Supply for Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities
Humana assists members in long-term care facilities who transition between plans, have both Medicare and full Medicaid benefits, or submit an exception or an appeal request. For long-term care residents, Humana will cover a 30 day supply unless the prescription is written for less than 30 days (in which case Humana will allow multiple fills to provide up to a total of 30 days of medication) of a Part D covered drug. This coverage is offered anytime during the first 90 days of your eligibility for the current plan year or during the first 90 days of your enrollment, when your current prescription therapy is filled at a long-term care pharmacy. If your ability to receive your drug therapy is limited, but you’re past the first 90 days of membership in your plan, Humana will cover a 31 day emergency supply unless the prescription is written for less than 31 days. In that case, Humana will allow multiple fills to provide up to a total of 31 days of a Part D covered drug so you can continue therapy while you pursue an exception or prior authorization. If you are being admitted to or discharged from a long-term care facility, you will be allowed to access a refill upon admission or discharge, and early refill edits will not apply.

Transition Supply for Current Members
Throughout the plan year, you may have a change in your treatment setting due to the level of care you require. Such transitions include:
- Members discharged from a hospital or skilled nursing facility to a home setting
- Members admitted to a hospital or skilled nursing facility from a home setting
- Members who transfer from one skilled nursing facility to another and serviced by a different pharmacy
- Members who end their skilled nursing facility Medicare Part A stay (where payments include all pharmacy charges) and who need to now use their Part D plan benefit
- Members who give up Hospice status and revert back to standard Medicare Part A and B coverage
- Members discharged from chronic psychiatric hospitals with highly individualized drug regimens

For these changes in treatment settings, Humana will cover up to a 30 day supply of a Part D covered drug. If you change treatment settings multiple times within the same month, you may have to request an exception or prior authorization and receive approval for continued coverage of your drug.

Humana will review these requests for continuation of therapy on a case-by-case basis when you have a stabilized drug regimen that, if altered, is known to have risks.

Transition Extension
Humana makes arrangements to continue to provide necessary drugs to you via an extension of the transition period, on a case-by case basis, to the extent that your exception request or appeal has not been processed by the end of the minimum transition period and until such time as a transition has been made (either through a switch to an appropriate formulary drug or a decision on an exception request).
Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
The Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) committee has oversight of Humana’s Part D formulary drug list and associated policies. The P&T committee designed these policies for certain Part D drugs. The policies are designed to make sure the drug is used based on medically accepted clinical guidelines for indications where the drug has been proven safe and effective and is prescribed according to manufacturer recommendations.

After you receive your temporary supply of a Part D drug, your medication may require medical review if:
- It’s not on the formulary drug list or
- Has utilization management requirements, such as prior authorization, quantity limits, or step therapy requirements

If you’re stabilized on a drug not on the formulary drug list or a drug requiring prior authorization, quantity limits, or have tried other drug alternatives, your prescriber can provide Humana with a statement of your clinical history to help with the prior authorization or exception request process.

Procedures for Requesting an Exception or Changing Prescriptions

How do I request an exception?

The first step in requesting an exception is for you or your prescriber to contact us. Your prescriber must submit a statement supporting your request. The prescriber’s statement must indicate that the requested drug is medically necessary for treating your condition because none of the drugs we cover would be as effective as the requested drug or would have adverse effects for you. If the exception involves a prior authorization, quantity limit, or other limit we have placed on that drug, the prescriber’s statement must indicate that the prior authorization, or limit, would not be appropriate given your condition or would have adverse effects for you.

Once the prescriber’s statement is submitted, we must notify you of our decision no later than 24 hours if the request has been expedited or no later than 72 hours if the request is a standard request. Your request will be expedited if we determine, or your prescriber informs us, that your life, health, or ability to regain maximum function may be seriously jeopardized by waiting for a standard request.

What if my request is denied?

If your drug is not covered on our formulary drug list, or is covered on our formulary drug list but we have placed a utilization management requirement such as prior authorization, step therapy, or quantity limit on it, you can ask us if we cover another drug used to treat your medical condition. If we cover another drug for your condition, we encourage you to ask your prescriber if these drugs that we cover are an option for you.

If your request is denied, you also have the right to appeal by asking for a review of the denial decision. You must request this appeal within 60 calendar days from the date of the denial decision.
If you need assistance in requesting an exception or appeal, help in switching to an alternative drug, or for more information about our transition policy, call the customer service number on the back of your ID card. Prior authorization and exception request forms are available to you and your prescriber on Humana's website, Humana.com, or by calling customer service to have it mailed, faxed, or emailed.

**Public Notice of Transition Policy**
This Transition Policy is available on Humana's Website, https://www.humana.com/pharmacy/prescription-coverages/medicare-claim-forms, in the same area where the Medicare policies and forms are displayed.

Humana is a Medicare Advantage HMO, PPO and PFFS organization and a stand-alone prescription drug plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in any Humana plan depends on contract renewal.

ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-281-6918 (TTY: 711).
Discrimination is Against the Law

Humana complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religion. Humana does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religion.

Humana provides:

- Free auxiliary aids and services, such as qualified sign language interpreters, video remote interpretation, and written information in other formats to people with disabilities when such auxiliary aids and services are necessary to ensure an equal opportunity to participate.

- Free language services to people whose primary language is not English when those services are necessary to provide meaningful access, such as translated documents or oral interpretation.

If you need these services, call 1-877-320-1235 or if you use a TTY, call 711.

If you believe that Humana has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religion, you can file a grievance with:

Discrimination Grievances
P.O. Box 14618
Lexington, KY 40512 - 4618

If you need help filing a grievance, call 1-877-320-1235 or if you use a TTY, call 711.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)
Complaint forms are available at http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html
Multi-Language Interpreter Services

**English:** ATTENTION: If you do not speak English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-877-320-1235 (TTY: 711).

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**繁體中文 (Chinese):** 注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-877-320-1235（TTY: 711）。


**한국어 (Korean):** 주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-877-320-1235 (TTY: 711)번으로 전화해 주십시오.


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**Français (French):** ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-877-320-1235 (ATS : 711).


**Italiano (Italian):** ATTENZIONE: In caso la lingua parlata sia l’italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il numero 1-877-320-1235 (TTY: 711).


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**فارسی (Farsi):**
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