

# Pharmacy Program Updates: Quarterly Pharmacy Changes Effective Oct. 1, 2022 – Part 1

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# **IMPORTANT PHARMACY BENEFIT REMINDERS**

Jan. 1, 2022 is the start of a new year and renewed or new health insurance benefits for most Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) members. As you see your patients, please consider the following reminders:

- Members' benefits may be based on a new drug list when their plans renew in 2022.
- Discuss your patients' benefits during an office visit or confirm their benefits by calling the number on their ID cards.
- Review the prescription drug list before prescribing medications.
- If your patients need a coverage exception or prior authorization request in order to take a medicine that may be excluded from coverage or included in a utilization management program, please visit the Prior Authorization/Step Therapy Programs section of our provider website at bcbsil.com/provider for the form and more information.

Treatment decisions are *always* between you and your patients. Coverage is subject to the terms and limits of your patients' benefit plans. Please advise them to review their benefit materials for details.

# **DRUG LIST CHANGES**

Based on the availability of new prescription medications and Prime's National Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee's review of changes in the pharmaceuticals market, some revisions (drugs still covered but moved to a higher out-of-pocket payment level) and/or exclusions (drugs no longer covered) will be made to the BCBSIL drug lists. Your patient(s) may ask you about therapeutic or lower cost alternatives if their medication is affected by one of these changes. **Changes effective Oct. 1, 2022 are outlined below.** 

The October Quarterly Pharmacy Changes Part 2 article with more recent coverage additions will also be published closer to the October 1 effective date.

Please note: The drug list changes below do not apply to BCBSIL members on the Basic Annual, Multi-Tier Basic Annual, Enhanced Annual, Multi-Tier Enhanced Annual or Performance Annual Drug Lists. These drug lists will have the revisions and/or exclusions applied on or after Jan. 1, 2023.

If you have patients with an HMO Illinois<sup>®</sup> or Blue Advantage HMO<sup>SM</sup> plan, these drug list revisions/exclusions may not apply to their pharmacy benefits, administered through Prime Therapeutics, until on or after Jan. 1, 2023.

Non-Preferred Brand <sup>1</sup>	Drug Class/ Condition Used For	Preferred Generic Alternative(s) <sup>2</sup>	Preferred Brand Alternative(s) <sup>1, 2</sup>
Basic, Multi-Tier Ba	sic, Enhanced and	Multi-Tier Enhanced Drug	g Lists Revisions
CYSTADANE (betaine	Homocystinuria	There is a generic equival	ent available. Please talk
powder for oral solution)	-	to your doctor or pharmac	ist about other
		medication(s) available for	r your condition.
VIMPAT (lacosamide tab 50	Seizures	There is a generic equival	ent available. Please talk
mg, 100 mg, 150 mg, 200,		to your doctor or pharmac	ist about other
mg)		medication(s) available for	r your condition.

## Drug List Updates (Revisions/Exclusions) - As of Oct. 1, 2022

		r Enhanced Drug Lists Re	visions
DEXAMETHASONE	Inflammatory	methylprednisolone	
(dexamethasone tab 0.5 mg,	Conditions	tablets, prednisone	
0.75 mg)		tablets	
	-		
Drug <sup>1</sup>	Drug Class/ Condition Used For	Generic Alternatives <sup>1,2</sup>	Brand Alternatives <sup>1,2</sup>
Balanced, Perf	ormance and Perf	ormance Select Drug Lists	s Revisions
DEXAMETHASONE	Inflammatory	methylprednisolone	
(dexamethasone tab 0.5 mg,	Conditions	tablets, prednisone	
0.75 mg)		tablets	
MORPHINE SULFATE	Pain	morphine sulfate	
(morphine sulfate oral soln		solution 10 mg/5 ml	
20 mg/5 ml)			
MORPHINE SULFATE ER	Pain	Please talk to your doctor	or pharmacist about other
(morphine sulfate cap er		medication(s) available for	
24hr 10 mg, 20 mg, 30 mg,			<i>yean eenamenn</i>
50 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100			
mg)			
QUINIDINE SULFATE	Arrhythmia	Please talk to your doctor	or pharmacist about other
(quinidine sulfate tab 200	/ anny anna	medication(s) available for	
mg, 300 mg)			your contailion.
SULFADIAZINE	Infections	Please talk to your doctor	or pharmacist about other
(sulfadiazine tab 500 mg)	Incoloris	medication(s) available for	,
TRAMADOL HCL ER	Pain		or pharmacist about other
(tramadol hcl tab er 24hr	1 am	medication(s) available for	
biphasic release 100 mg,			your contaition.
200 mg, 300 mg)			
TRIHEXYPHENIDYL HCL	Parkinson's	Please talk to your doctor	or pharmacist about other
(trihexyphenidyl hcl oral soln	Disease,	medication(s) available for	
0.4 mg/ml)	Extrapyramidal		your contaition.
0.4 (119/111)	Disorders		
VANDAZOLE	Bacterial	metronidazole vaginal	
(metronidazole vaginal gel	Vaginosis	gel 0.75%	
0.75%)		9	
Balance	ed and Performand	e Select Drug Lists Revis	ions
MOXIFLOXACIN	Antibacterial-	ciprofloxacin ophthalmic	
HYDROCHLORIDE	Ophthalmic	solution, gatifloxacin	
(moxifloxacin hcl ophth soln		ophthalmic solution,	
0.5% (base eq) (2 times		ofloxacin ophthalmic	
daily))		solution, moxifloxacin	
		ophthalmic solution	
Balanced Drug List Revisions			
ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE	Insomnia	eszopiclone tablets,	
(zolpidem tartrate sl tab 1.75		zaleplon capsules,	
mg, 3.5 mg)		zolpidem tablets	
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Health Insurance Marketplace (HIM) Drug List Revisions [IL PPO]			
DEXAMETHASONE -	Inflammatory	methylprednisolone	• • • •
dexamethasone tab 0.5 mg,	Conditions	tablets, prednisone	
0.75 mg		tablets	
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MORPHINE SULFATE -	Doin	morphing gulfate	1
	Pain	morphine sulfate	
morphine sulfate oral soln 20		solution 10 mg/5 ml	
mg/5 ml	A sub- three to		
QUINIDINE SULFATE -	Arrhythmia		or pharmacist about other
quinidine sulfate tab 200 mg,		medication(s) available for	r your condition.
300 mg			
SULFADIAZINE -	Infections		or pharmacist about other
sulfadiazine tab 500 mg		medication(s) available for	
TRIHEXYPHENIDYL HCL	Parkinson's		or pharmacist about other
(trihexyphenidyl hcl oral soln	Disease,	medication(s) available for	r your condition.
0.4 mg/ml)	Extrapyramidal		
	Disorders		
Balanced, Perfo		ormance Select Drug Lists	Exclusions
BIDIL (isosorbide dinitrate-	Heart Failure	There is a generic equival	ent available. Please talk
hydralazine hcl tab 20-37.5		to your doctor or pharmac	ist about other
mg)		medication(s) available for	r your condition.
CONTRAVE (naltrexone	Weight Loss	Qsymia, Saxenda,	
hcl-bupropion hcl tab er 12hr	-	Wegovy	
8-90 mg)			
ESBRIET (pirfenidone tab	Idiopathic	There is a generic equival	ent available. Please talk
267 mg, 801 mg)	Pulmonary	to your doctor or pharmac	ist about other
	Fibrosis	medication(s) available for	r your condition.
FERRIPROX (deferiprone	Transfusional	There is a generic equival	
tab 1000 mg)	Iron Overload	to your doctor or pharmac	
		medication(s) available for	
K-PHOS (potassium	Urinary	There is a generic equival	
phosphate monobasic tab	Acidification	to your doctor or pharmac	
500 mg)		medication(s) available for	
SAMSCA (tolvaptan tab 15	Hyponatremia	There is a generic equival	
mg)		to your doctor or pharmac	
		medication(s) available for	
STALEVO 50 (carbidopa-	Parkinson's	There is a generic equival	
levodopa-entacapone tabs	Disease	to your doctor or pharmac	
12.5-50-200 mg)		medication(s) available for	r your condition.
STALEVO 75 (carbidopa-	Parkinson's	There is a generic equival	
levodopa-entacapone tabs	Disease	to your doctor or pharmac	
18.75-75-200 mg)		medication(s) available for	
STALEVO 100 (carbidopa-	Parkinson's	There is a generic equival	
levodopa-entacapone tabs	Disease	to your doctor or pharmac	ist about other
25-100-200 mg)		medication(s) available for	
STALEVO 125 (carbidopa-	Parkinson's	There is a generic equival	
levodopa-entacapone tabs	Disease	to your doctor or pharmac	
31.25-125-200 mg)		medication(s) available for	
STALEVO 150 (carbidopa-	Parkinson's	There is a generic equival	
levodopa-entacapone tabs	Disease	to your doctor or pharmac	
37.5-150-200 mg)		medication(s) available for	
STALEVO 200 (carbidopa-	Parkinson's	There is a generic equival	
levodopa-entacapone tabs	Disease	to your doctor or pharmac	
50-200-200 mg)		medication(s) available for	
UKONIQ (umbralisib	Cancer		or pharmacist about other
tosylate tab 200 mg)		medication(s) available for	
VIMPAT (lacosamide tab 50	Seizures	There is a generic equival	
mg,100 mg, 150 mg, 200		to your doctor or pharmac	
mg)		medication(s) available for	
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Performar	nce and Performar	nce Select Drug Lists Excl	usions
metronidazole lotion 0.75%	Rosacea	metronidazole cream 0.75%, metronidazole	
testosterone td gel 20.25 mg/1.25 gm (1.62%), 40.5 mg/2.5 gm (1.62%)	Hypogonadism	gel 0.75% testosterone gel pump 1.62%	
tretinoin gel 0.025%	Acne	tretinoin cream 0.025%	
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	Balanced Dru	ig List Exclusions	
ACZONE (dapsone gel 7.5%)	Acne	There is a generic equival to your doctor or pharmac medication(s) available for	ist about other
COMBIGAN (brimonidine tartrate-timolol maleate ophth soln 0.2-0.5%)	Glaucoma, Ocular Hypertension	There is a generic equival to your doctor or pharmac medication(s) available for	ist about other r your condition.
ZIPSOR (diclofenac potassium cap 25 mg)	Pain/ Inflammation	There is a generic equival to your doctor or pharmac medication(s) available for	ist about other
	Dorformanao Sala	t Drug List Exclusions	
adapalene-benzoyl peroxide gel 0.3-2.5%	Acne	tretinoin cream 0.1%	
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	nce Marketplace	(HIM) Drug List Exclusions	
COMBIGAN - brimonidine tartrate-timolol maleate	Glaucoma, Ocular	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other	
ophth soln 0.2-0.5%	Hypertension	medication(s) available for	
ESBRIET - pirfenidone tab 267 mg, 801 mg	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis	There is a generic equival to your doctor or pharmac medication(s) available for	lent available. Please talk ist about other
FERRIPROX - deferiprone tab 1000 mg	Iron Overload	There is a generic equival to your doctor or pharmac medication(s) available for	lent available. Please talk ist about other
K-PHOS - potassium phosphate monobasic tab 500 mg	Hypophosphate mia		
SAMSCA - tolvaptan tab 15 mg	Hyponatremia	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	
testosterone td gel 20.25 mg/1.25 gm (1.62%), 40.5 mg/2.5 gm (1.62%)	Hypogonadism	testosterone gel pump 1.62%	
Ukoniq - umbralisib tosylate tab 200 mg	Cancer	Please talk to your doctor medication(s) available for	or pharmacist about other ryour condition.
VIMPAT - lacosamide oral solution 10 mg/mL	Seizures	There is a generic equival to your doctor or pharmac medication(s) available for	ent available. Please talk ist about other
VIMPAT - lacosamide tab 50 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg, 200 mg	Seizures	There is a generic equival to your doctor or pharmac medication(s) available for	lent available. Please talk ist about other

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### **DISPENSING LIMIT CHANGES**

The BCBSIL prescription drug benefit program includes coverage limits on certain medications and drug categories. Dispensing limits are based on U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved dosage regimens and product labeling. Changes by drug list are listed on the charts below.

Please note: The dispensing limits listed below do not apply to BCBSIL members on the Basic Annual or Enhanced Annual Drug Lists. Dispensing limits will be applied to these drug lists on or after Jan. 1, 2023. They also may not apply to BCBSIL HMO members on the 2021 or 2022 Health Insurance Marketplace (HIM) Drug Lists until on or after Jan. 1, 2023.

BCBSIL letters all members with a claim for a drug included in the Dispensing Limit Program, regardless of the prescribed dosage. This means members may receive a letter even though their prescribed dosage doesn't meet or exceed the dispensing limit.

#### Effective June 15, 2022:

Drug Class and Medication(s) <sup>1</sup>	Dispensing Limit(s)	
2021 Health Insurance Marketplace (HIM), 2022 HIM, Performance, Performance Annual and Performance Select Drug Lists		
Oxbryta		
Oxbryta (voxelotor)* 90 tablets per 30 days		

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#### Effective Sept. 1, 2022:

Drug Class and Medication(s) <sup>1</sup>	Dispensing Limit(s)	
2021 Health Insurance Marketplace (HIM), 2022 HIM, Balanced, Performance,		
Performance Annual and Performance Select Drug Lists		
IL-13 Antagonist		
Adbry (tralokinumab-ldrm)*	4 mL per 30 days	

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#### Effective Oct. 1, 2022:

Drug Class and Medication(s) <sup>1</sup>	Dispensing Limit(s)	
Basic, Enhanced, Balanced, Performance, Performance Annual and Performance Select		
Drug	g Lists	
Alternative Dosage Form		
Dartisla ODT*	120 tablets per 30 days	
Lyvispah (baclofen) 5 mg Granule packet*2	120 packets per 30 days	
Lyvispah (baclofen) 10 mg Granule packet <sup>*2</sup>	120 packets per 30 days	
Lyvispah (baclofen) 20 mg Granule packet <sup>*2</sup>	120 packets per 30 days	
Valsartan oral solution*	2400 mL per 30 days	
Miscellaneous		
Emla (lidocaine-prilocaine) 2.5%-2.5%	60 grams per 30 days	
Therapeutic Alternatives		
METAXALONE TAB 400 MG <sup>*</sup>	240 tablets per 30 days	
PHOSPHOLINE SOL 0.125%OP*	5 mL per 30 days	

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Performance Select Drug Lists

Cibinqo			
Cibinqo (abrocitinib) 50 mg tablets*	30 tablets per 30 days		
Cibinqo (abrocitinib) 100 mg tablets*	30 tablets per 30 days		
Cibinqo (abrocitinib) 200 mg tablets*	30 tablets per 30 days		
Insulin Pumps			
Omnipod DASH kit/Omnipod 5 kit*	1 kit per 720 days		
Pyrukynd			
Pyrukynd (mitapivat) Therapy Pack 5 MG*	7 tablets per 365 days		
Pyrukynd (mitapivat) Therapy Pack 7 x 20 MG & 7 x 5 MG $^{*}$	14 tablets per 365 days		
Pyrukynd (mitapivat) Therapy Pack 7 x 50 MG & 7 x 20 MG $^{*}$	14 tablets per 365 days		
Pyrukynd (mitapivat) 5 mg tablets*	56 tablets per 28 days		
Pyrukynd (mitapivat) 20 mg tablets*	56 tablets per 28 days		
Pyrukynd (mitapivat) 50 mg tablets*	56 tablets per 28 days		
Recorlev			
Recorlev (levoketoconazole)*	240 tablets per 30 days		
Tarpeyo			
TARPEYO (budesonide)*	120 capsules per 30 days		
Basic, Enhanced and	Basic, Enhanced and Balanced Drug Lists		
Oxbryta			
Oxbryta (voxelotor)	90 tablets per 30 days		
	nced Drug Lists		
IL-13 Antagonist			
Adbry (tralokinumab-ldrm)	4 mL per 30 days		
Vuity			
Vuity (pilocarpine HCL) ophthalmic solution	2.5 mL per 30 days		

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<sup>2</sup> The target drug Lyvispah is misspelled on the dispensing limits letter for Basic and Enhanced Drug Lists.

#### Clarification to the July 2022 Quarterly Changes Dispensing Limit Letter

The dispensing limit letter incorrectly listed Edarbi, Edarbyclor and Soolantra as target drugs included in the Therapeutic Alternatives program. These target drugs belong to the Miscellaneous program, effective July 1, 2022.

Letters mailed in late April to impacted members on the Basic, Enhanced, Balanced, Performance, Performance Annual and Performance Select Drug Lists. Clarification letters will not be sent to members because the dispensing limits are accurate on the letter and both programs apply to the drug lists mentioned above.

#### UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES

# New Target Drugs Added to Existing PA Programs

Effective Oct. 1, 2022, the following changes will be applied:

Target drugs Dartisla ODT, Valsartan oral solution and Lyvispah (baclofen) granule packet will be added to the Alternative Dosage Form PA program. This change applies to the Performance, Performance Annual and Performance Select Drug Lists.\*

 Target drug Omnipod DASH kit/Omnipod 5 kit will be added to the Insulin Pumps PA program. This change applies to the 2021 HIM, 2022 HIM, Balanced, Performance, Performance Annual and Performance Select Drug Lists.\*

## New Programs Added to Select Drug Lists

- Effective **Sept. 1, 2022**, the Interleukin-13 (IL-13) Antagonist Specialty PA program and target drug Adbry (tralokinumab-ldrm) will be added to the 2021 HIM, 2022 HIM, Balanced, Performance, Performance Annual and Performance Select Drug Lists.\*
- Effective **Oct. 1, 2022**, the following changes will be applied:
  - The Cibinqo Specialty PA program and target drug Cibinqo will be added to the 2021 HIM, 2022 HIM, Balanced, Performance, Performance Annual and Performance Select Drug Lists.\*
  - The Pyrukynd Specialty PA program and target drug Pyrukynd (mitapivat) will be added to the 2021 HIM, 2022 HIM, Balanced, Performance, Performance Annual and Performance Select Drug Lists.\*
  - The Recorlev Specialty PA program and target drug Recorlev (levoketoconazole) will be added to the 2021 HIM, 2022 HIM, Balanced, Performance, Performance Annual and Performance Select Drug Lists.<sup>\*</sup>
  - The Tarpeyo PA program and target drug TARPEYO (budesonide) will be added to the 2021 HIM, 2022 HIM, Balanced, Performance, Performance Annual and Performance Select Drug Lists.<sup>\*</sup>

Members were notified about the PA standard program changes listed in the tables below.

Drug categories added to current pharmacy PA standard programs, effective July 1, 2022:

Drug Category	Targeted Medication(s) <sup>1</sup>
Basic, Basic Annual, Enhanced and Enhanced Annual Drug Lists	
Cibinqo	Cibinqo (abrocitinib) <sup>2*</sup>
IL-13 Antagonist	Adbry (tralokinumab-ldrm) <sup>2*</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Third-party brand names are the property of their respective owner.

<sup>2</sup> Member level PAs were entered through Oct. 1, 2022, for Basic and Enhanced Drug Lists and Jan. 1, 2023, for Basic Annual and Enhanced Annual Drug Lists.

\* Not all members may have been notified due to limited utilization.

# Drug categories added to current pharmacy PA standard programs, effective Oct. 1, 2022:

Drug Category	Targeted Medication(s) <sup>1</sup>
Basic and Enhanced Drug Lists	
Pyrukynd	Pyrukynd (mitapivat) Therapy Pack 5 MG <sup>*</sup> , Pyrukynd (mitapivat) Therapy Pack 7 x 20 MG & 7 x 5 MG <sup>*</sup> , Pyrukynd (mitapivat) Therapy Pack 7 x 50 MG & 7 x 20 MG <sup>*</sup> , Pyrukynd (mitapivat) 5 mg tablets <sup>*</sup> , Pyrukynd (mitapivat) 20 mg tablets <sup>*</sup> , Pyrukynd (mitapivat) 50 mg tablets <sup>*</sup>
Recorlev	Recorlev (levoketoconazole)*
Tarpeyo	TARPEYO (budesonide)*

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Targeted drugs added to current pharmacy PA standard programs, effective Oct. 1, 2022:

Drug Category	Targeted Medication(s) <sup>1</sup>	
Basic, Enhanced and Balanced Drug Lists		
Alternative Dosage Form	Dartisla ODT <sup>*</sup> , Lyvispah (baclofen) 5 mg Granule packet <sup>*</sup> , Lyvispah (baclofen) 10 mg Granule packet <sup>*</sup> , Lyvispah (baclofen) 20 mg Granule packet <sup>*</sup> , Valsartan oral solution <sup>*</sup>	
Basic and Enhanced Drug Lists		
Insulin Pumps Omnipod DASH kit/Omnipod 5 kit*		
Basic, Enhanced, Balanced, Performance, Performance Annual and Performance Select Drug Lists		
METAXALONE TAB 400 MG*, METFORMIN TAB 625   PHOSPHOLINE SOL 0.125% OP*, PREDNISOLONE   PHOSPHATE ORAL SOLN 10 MG/5 ML (BASE EQUIT   VTAMA (tapinarof) 1% CREAM*		

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Per our usual process of member notification prior to implementation, targeted mailings were sent to members affected by drug list revisions and/or exclusions, dispensing limit and prior authorization program changes. For the most up-to-date drug list and list of drug dispensing limits, visit the Pharmacy Program section of our Provider website.

If your patients have any questions about their pharmacy benefits, please advise them to contact the number on their member ID card. Members may also visit bcbsil.com and log in to Blue Access for Members<sup>SM</sup> (BAM<sup>SM</sup>) or MyPrime.com for a variety of online resources.

# Change in Benefit Coverage for Select High Cost Products

Several high cost products with available lower cost alternatives will be excluded on the pharmacy benefit for select drug lists. This change impacts BCBSIL members who have prescription drug benefits administered by Prime Therapeutics. This change is part of an ongoing effort to make sure our members and employer groups have access to safe, cost-effective medications.

High cost products that either are new to market or have therapeutic equivalents available have also been excluded. Please note: Members were not notified of these changes because there is no utilization or the pharmacist can easily fill a member's prescription with the equivalent without needing a new prescription from the doctor. The following drugs are excluded on select drug lists:

Product(s) No Longer Covered <sup>1*</sup>	Condition Used For	Covered Alternative(s) <sup>1,2</sup>
DICLOFENAC TAB 25 MG	PAIN	DICLOFENAC POT 50 MG, MELOXICAM, IBUPROFEN, NAPROXEN
METFORMIN TAB 625 MG	DIABETES	METFORMIN 500 MG TABS
ORPHENADRINE W/ ASPIRIN & CAFFEINE TAB 25-385-30 MG	MUSCLE PAIN	CYCLOBENZAPRINE, ORPHENADRINE

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2 This list is not all-inclusive. Other products may be available.

\* This chart applies to members on the Basic, Basic Annual, Multi-Tier Basic, Multi-Tier Basic Annual, Enhanced, Enhanced Annual, Multi-Tier Enhanced and Multi-Tier Enhanced Annual Drug Lists.

# **Split Fill Program Category Expansion**

Starting on Jan. 1, 2023, the Split Fill Program will be expanded to include additional categories beyond oral oncology medications, such as multiple sclerosis and iron toxicity.

## **Reminder:**

BCBSIL offers its members and groups a Split Fill Program to reduce waste and help avoid costs of select specialty medications that may go unused. Members new to therapy (or have not had claims history within the past 120 days for the drug) are provided partial, or "split," prescription fills for up to three months.

The Split Fill Program applies to a specific list of drugs known to have early discontinuation or dose modification. You can view the current list of drugs and find more information on the <u>Split Fill Program</u> on our Provider website.

Please call the number on the member's ID card to verify coverage, or for further assistance or clarification on your patient's benefits.

## Self-Injectable Drug Member Cost Share Change for HMO Plans

**Upcoming change:** Member cost share for certain specialty and non-specialty self-injectable drugs will be based on applicable drug status, plan benefits and drug tier.

**Background:** Currently, member cost share for certain specialty and non-specialty self-injectable drugs is a flat \$50.

Member notices: Impacted members will receive a letter at least 60 days prior to the effective date.

**Reminder:** Please call the number on the member's ID card to verify coverage, or for further assistance or clarification on your patient's benefits.

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