

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Premium Prescription Drug List

For this plan year, the District is changing the prescription drug list associated with the medical plans to Blue KC's Premium Prescription Drug List (PDL). This change is being made to better manage both member and District plan costs.

WHAT IS A PDL?

A PDL is a list of the most commonly prescribed medications. It includes both brand-name and generic prescription medications that have been approved by the FDA.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

- Blue KC Premium Formulary uses strategic exclusions that minimize disruption while maintaining member access and choice across all therapeutic categories. All therapeutic classes will be included in the formulary.
- Blue KC will send a proactive notification letter to impacted members **30-45 days** in advance of the formulary change (see sample to right).
- The notification is to educate impacted members about their medication coverage changes and provide direction on what action they may need to take.
- Some of these changes may require a member to consider preferred alternatives to excluded or higher-tiered medications to save themselves and the plan dollars.
- The letters are meant to encourage the member to contact their prescribing physician to consider the change recommended and see if it is right for them.
- Blue KC's clinical pharmacy staff understands that some recommendations may not apply to all, so we welcome the chance to communicate with prescribing physicians to ensure the right therapy at the right time and at the right cost. Doctors know their patients best, but we must make sure that we help members consider lower-costing options to help them save money while not compromising their health.
- An appeals process is in place for members and their physicians to request an exception if it is medically necessary to remain on a medication no longer covered.

SPECIALTY MEDICATIONS

Beginning January 1st, if you are using a coupon for a specialty medication through Optum Rx, the amount you pay out-of-pocket after the coupon will be the amount applied towards your deductible or out-of-pocket maximum.

Go to:

<https://bluekcmemberportal.azureedge.net/consulmer/pdfs/DirectoryLibrary/2022/Member-PDL-Premium.pdf> for more information about the Blue KC Prescription Premium Formulary drug list.

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Coverage change alert.
Talk with your doctor before
January 1, 2022.

October 6, 2021
Dear John,

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City (Blue KC) wants to inform you that starting January 1, 2022, the drug(s) below will no longer be covered by your plan.

When there are similar drugs available for the same condition, higher-cost options are not always covered. Here are some other, lower-cost drug(s) that may work for you:

Drug(s) not covered by the plan	Other covered drug(s)
TARGET DRUG	PREFERRED DRUG

What do I need to do?
Please talk to your doctor as soon as possible. This change does not mean you should stop taking your drug(s).
If a lower-cost drug will work for you, your doctor will need to write a prescription for the new drug(s).
If you fill a prescription for the drug(s) listed above after January 1, 2022, you may pay the full cost of the prescription. The amount you pay will not count toward any deductible or out-of-pocket limit you may have.

Questions? We'll be here to help.
If you have questions about this information please call our Customer Service team at the number listed on your Blue KC member ID card, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time.

Thank you, as always, for being a Blue KC member.
Sincerely,
Your Pharmacy Benefits Team

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