

Special Bulletin

For professional and facility providers

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Express Scripts Pharmacy to No Longer Stock 32 Medications

Effective Oct. 1, 2024, Express Scripts Pharmacy will no longer stock 32 medications — including Arnuity Ellipta, Entresto, Savella, and Trintellix — across all lines of business. See the full list below. These changes are in addition to the medications discontinued by Express Scripts (ES) on Aug. 19, which can be viewed [here](#).

Members currently receiving impacted drugs will have the option to fill an alternative drug via Express Script home delivery, but those who want to or need to continue filling the impacted drugs will need to do so from ***an alternative, in-network retail pharmacy***.

If members have filled an impacted drug in 2024, they will receive a communication from Express Scripts notifying them 30 days in advance of the change. If a home delivery order is placed for an impacted drug after Oct. 1, Express Scripts will conduct outreach to the member and/or prescriber. The ES team will support finding a covered, clinically approved alternative or direct the member to utilize an in-network retail pharmacy of their choice.

Express Scripts Pharmacy values its retail pharmacy partners and believes these pharmacies are well-positioned to handle the anticipated and limited increase in volume based on this change. Several in-network retail pharmacy partners also offer home delivery options for patients who may be unable to pick up their prescriptions in person.

Member and Prescriber Communications

- Impacted members will receive a letter or email from Express Scripts Pharmacy to inform them of the change about 30 days before the effective date.
- Express Scripts Patient Care Advocates will be prepared to take calls from our members should they have follow-up questions.
- Prescribers will be contacted by Express Scripts Pharmacy if the member attempts to fill an impacted drug once it is unavailable.

Questions

- For questions related to **Commercial/ACA** lines of business, please contact Pharmacy Programs (RxPrograms@highmark.com).

- For questions related to **Medicare** lines of business, please contact Pharmacy Government Operations (RxGovtOperations@highmark.com).

Drug Name	NDC	Common Indication for Use	Acute v Maintenance
Arnuity Ellipta	00173087410	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Arnuity Ellipta	00173087610	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Arnuity Ellipta	00173088810	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Belsomra	00006000530	Single Source Brand	Acute
Belsomra	00006003330	Single Source Brand	Acute
Belsomra	00006032530	Single Source Brand	Acute
Belsomra	00006033530	Single Source Brand	Acute
Combipatch	68968051408	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Combipatch	68968052508	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Combivent Respimat	00597002402	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Entresto	00078065967	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Entresto	00078069667	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Entresto	00078077767	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Freestyle Libre 14 Day	57599000101	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Freestyle Libre 2 Sens	57599080000	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Freestyle Libre 3 Sens	57599081800	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Lo Loestrin Fe	00430042014	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Qvar Redihaler	59310030240	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Qvar Redihaler	59310030480	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Rhopressa	70727049725	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Rocklatan	70727052925	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Savella	00456150055	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Savella	00456151060	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Savella	00456151260	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Savella	00456152560	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Savella	00456155060	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Trintellix	64764072030	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Trintellix	64764073030	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Trintellix	64764075030	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Trulance	65649000330	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Vyzulta	24208050402	Single Source Brand	Maintenance
Vyzulta	24208050405	Single Source Brand	Maintenance

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