

Special Bulletin

For professional and facility providers

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Farxiga Added to Medicare Formularies as a Tier 3 Preferred Brand Name

As of **Aug. 1, 2024**, Highmark has added Farxiga to its Medicare formularies as a Tier 3 Preferred Brand Name Drug. This change will help to reduce prescription drug costs for our members.

Prior to Aug. 1, Farxiga was either not included or non-preferred on our formularies.

Farxiga is recognized to be as clinically safe and effective as other medications in the sodium-glucose transport protein (SGLT)-2 class and has a greater number of approved indications. It is prescribed to adults with chronic kidney disease (CKD), heart failure, and type 2 diabetes.

To view Highmark's Medicare formularies on the Provider Resource Center, select **PHARMACY PROGRAM/FORMULARIES** from the left menu and then click **Medicare Formularies**.

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