Special Bulletin

For professional providers

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CHIP Coverage Now Includes Over-The-Counter Allergy Medications

Starting in 2024, Highmark Healthy Kids (CHIP)* members can get over-the-counter (OTC), non-drowsy antihistamines for free at the pharmacy with a valid prescription. There is no copay required, and members can present the prescription at any CHIP network pharmacy (i.e., any National Pharmacy Network provider).

More than 60 OTC antihistamine products are now covered, including generic Allegra, generic Children's Zyrtec, and Children's Claritin. Please note that to fill applicable products through the prescription drug program with no cost-sharing, members will need to obtain a **valid prescription** from their CHIP network provider.

You can access the member flyer with the current allergy drug list by clicking <u>here</u>. This drug list is subject to change at any time.

*CHIP is an acronym for the Children's Health Insurance Program. In 2022, Highmark rebranded its CHIP offering as Highmark Healthy Kids.

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