

Special Bulletin

For professional and facility providers

November 15, 2024

2025 Medicare Advantage Formulary Changes

Effective Jan. 1, 2025, Highmark will update its Medicare Part D formularies to ensure affordability for our members, while promoting the safe and effective use of prescription medications. Highmark is committed to providing our members with access to the medications they need at a cost they can afford.

Note that some medications may be removed from the formulary or have new restrictions in 2025. For detailed information on these changes, including specific medication updates and restrictions, refer to the **Definition of Status** and **Definition of Restrictions** sections within the online formularies.

You can access the online formularies through the **Provider Resource Center (PRC)** at providers.highmark.com. Choose your region from the dropdown in the upper right corner and then select **Policies & Programs > Formulary > Medicare Formulary**.

Member and Provider Outreach

Beginning **Nov. 15, 2024**, Highmark will send letters to both prescribing providers and members with detailed information about the upcoming changes to the Medicare Part D formularies. Once you receive your letter, you can take one of the following steps:

- Submit a coverage determination.
- Prescribe a preferred alternative medication.

Submitting Coverage Determination Requests

If your patients are still taking an affected medication, please consider changing them to a covered formulary alternative or request a coverage determination, so that they can continue receiving the same or similar medication.

Coverage determination requests for the 2025 plan year may be requested beginning **Nov. 18, 2024**. If a coverage determination is submitted, Highmark will review the request and notify you and the member of the decision.

Should you need to initiate a coverage determination, you may do so through CoverMyMeds, which is available through [Availity®](#), Highmark's provider portal. CoverMyMeds can be found in **Payer Spaces** under **Applications**.

Additional information on how to submit the form is available on the Provider Resource Center under **Resources & Education > Forms > Pharmacy Prior Authorization Forms > Prescription Drug Medication Request Form.**

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