



Care Wisconsin Medicare Part D Transition Policy

Care Wisconsin's goal is to make changes that occur between benefit years as seamless as possible. Care Wisconsin's transition policy meets the immediate needs of our members and allows them time to work with their prescriber (doctor) to switch to another medication to treat the member's condition that is on the formulary or to ask for an exception.

Who is Eligible for a Temporary Supply?

During the first 90 days of membership, we offer a temporary supply of medications to:

- New members on January 1 following the Annual Election Period
- Newly eligible Medicare beneficiaries
- Existing members impacted by a negative formulary change from the prior year
- Members switching Medicare Part D plans after January 1
- Members residing in long-term care (LTC) facilities

Our transition policy applies to Part D medications that are not on Care Wisconsin's formulary and Part D medications that are on Care Wisconsin's formulary but may require:

- Prior Authorization (PA - approval in advance to get services or certain drugs that may or may not be on our formulary),
- Step Therapy (ST - a utilization tool that requires you to first try another drug to treat your medical condition before we will cover the drug your prescriber initially prescribed) or
- Quantity Limitations (QL - limits on the amount of the drug that we cover per prescription)

Getting Medication from a Participating Network Pharmacy

For each medication that is not on our formulary or is subject to PA, ST, or QL, Care Wisconsin will cover a temporary 30 day supply of medications (unless the prescription was written for fewer days) that is filled at a network pharmacy during the transition period. After the first 30 day supply, Care Wisconsin will not pay for these medications, even if the member has been in the plan less than 90 days.

How is a Prescription filled in Long-Term Care Facilities?

For members in long-term care facilities, prescription refills will be provided up to a 98 day transition supply (unless the prescription was written for fewer days). We will cover more than one refill of these medications for the first 90 days as a member of our plan.

If a medication is needed that is not on our formulary or if the member's ability to get medications is limited, but the member is past the first 90 days of membership in our plan, we will cover a 31 day emergency supply of that medication (unless a prescription was written for fewer days) while a formulary exception is requested.

How is a Member Notified about the Transition Supply?

All members (and their prescribers) getting a temporary supply of a medication will be sent a letter about the member's transition fill and the transition process. This letter will be sent within three business days of the temporary fill.

The notice will include:

- An explanation of the transition supply that the member received;
- How to work with Care Wisconsin and the member's prescriber to find another medication that is on the formulary to treat the member's condition ;
- An explanation of the member's right to ask for a formulary exception; and
- A description of the formulary exception process.

What is the Copay for Temporary Medication?

Copays for members who are eligible for "Extra Help" (a Medicare program to help people with limited income and resources pay Medicare prescription drug program costs such as premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance) during the transition period, will never exceed the copay maximums set by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for low-income members.

The formulary, pharmacy network, and/or provider network may change at any time. You will receive notice when necessary.