

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare

To: Blood Banks, Community Health Centers, Dentists, Hospital Providers, Nurse Practitioners, Nursing Homes, Pharmacies, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Podiatrists, Rural Health Clinics, Tribal Federally Qualified Health Centers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Drug Coverage Limitations for SeniorCare Members

Changes in Drug Coverage

Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after July 1, 2018, prescription drug products of drug manufacturers who have not renewed their separate SeniorCare rebate agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) will no longer be covered for SeniorCare members with incomes greater than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Members with income greater than 200 percent of the FPL are included in levels 2b and 3 of the SeniorCare levels of member participation. This *ForwardHealth Update* provides information about this change in coverage and includes resources for identifying drug manufacturers who will continue to provide drugs for these SeniorCare members.

State Rebate Agreements

Federal Medicaid rebate agreements with drug manufacturers do not cover drugs for SeniorCare members with incomes greater than 200 percent of the FPL. For these members, Wis. Stat. § 49.688(6) requires SeniorCare to cover drugs from only those manufacturers who have signed a separate SeniorCare rebate agreement with DHS. Refer to Attachment 1 of this *Update* for a complete list of the SeniorCare levels of member participation and corresponding FPL information.

In December 2017, DHS sent revised SeniorCare rebate agreements to all drug manufacturers participating in the SeniorCare drug rebate program. These revisions were necessary to address drug rebate changes and the creation of the Drug Rebate Manufacturer area of the ForwardHealth Portal. To continue participation in the SeniorCare drug rebate program, manufacturers were required to complete and sign a new SeniorCare rebate agreement.

DHS has made numerous attempts to renew all SeniorCare rebate agreements with manufacturers previously participating in the SeniorCare program. The majority of drug manufacturers have renewed these separate SeniorCare rebate agreements, but not all have chosen to do so. As a result, drugs supplied by manufacturers who have declined to renew their SeniorCare rebate agreement will not be covered for members with incomes greater than 200 percent of the FPL (member levels 2b and 3), effective for DOS on and after July 1, 2018.

Note: SeniorCare members in levels 1 and 2a (incomes less than 200 percent of the FPL) will not be affected by this change in coverage.

Non-Participating Drug Manufacturers

Attachment 2 lists labeler codes for manufacturers who did not sign a new SeniorCare rebate agreement with DHS.

Drugs supplied by manufacturers under these labeler codes can no longer be covered for SeniorCare members with incomes greater than 200 percent of the FPL (member levels 2b and 3). Attachment 3 lists impacted drugs of which providers should be aware in order to better assist members who need to transition to a covered manufacturer's equivalent drug product or a drug therapy alternative.

Participating Drug Manufacturers

Providers may refer to the Numeric Listing of Manufacturers That Have Signed Rebate Agreements data table on the Pharmacy Provider-specific Resources page of the Portal for a list of all drug manufacturers who have signed federal Medicaid rebate agreements. For these drug manufacturers, the data table also indicates those who have signed a separate SeniorCare rebate agreement. This data table includes previously participating manufacturer labeler codes that have signed a new SeniorCare rebate agreement, as well as new manufacturer labeler codes added to the SeniorCare program.

Availability of Covered Drugs

When a drug manufacturer's products are not covered for a member because the manufacturer has not signed a separate SeniorCare rebate agreement, providers who submit claims for a noncovered drug will receive Explanation of Benefits (EOB) code 0245 with the message "No SeniorCare Drug Rebate Agreement."

To aid members in maximizing their benefits and to review the most up-to-date information, providers are encouraged to check the Numeric Listing of Manufacturers That Have Signed Rebate Agreements data table on the Pharmacy Provider-specific Resources page of the Portal or the Drug Search Tool for other covered manufacturers of the drug. If a covered manufacturer for the drug exists, and the member's pharmacy does not carry the drug, providers may choose to either stock the drug or refer the member to another pharmacy that does stock the drug. A pharmacy should not tell a member that a drug is not covered if it is available through another manufacturer.

Availability of Noncovered Drugs

A member in level 2b or 3 may make the decision to purchase a drug, even though the drug is not covered by SeniorCare. Should the member choose to do this, the pharmacy may bill the member for the entire cost of that drug.

Providers and members should understand the following under these circumstances:

- The entire cost of the noncovered drug becomes the member's responsibility.
- If the member is in the spenddown or deductible period, any amount paid for noncovered drugs will not be applied to their spenddown or deductible.

Prior Authorization

Prior authorization is not an option to obtain coverage for drugs from manufacturers without a separate, signed SeniorCare rebate agreement for members in levels 2b and 3.

Provider Questions

For questions regarding the information in this *Update*, contact Provider Services at 800-947-9627, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. CST.

The *ForwardHealth Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, and Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program are administered by the Division of Medicaid Services, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). The Wisconsin AIDS Drug Assistance Program and the Wisconsin Well Woman Program are administered by the Division of Public Health, DHS.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Levels of SeniorCare Member Participation

The following table lists the four levels of member participation in SeniorCare.

SeniorCare Participation Levels	
Level 1	Income at or below 160 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
Level 2a	Income between 160 percent and 200 percent of the FPL
Level 2b	Income between 200 percent and 240 percent of the FPL
Level 3	Income more than 240 percent of the FPL

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Non-Participating Drug Manufacturers

The following list contains the labeler codes for manufacturers for which a separate SeniorCare rebate agreement renewal with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services was not received. Effective July 1, 2018, all drugs supplied by manufacturers under these labeler codes will no longer be covered for SeniorCare members with incomes greater than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) (member levels 2b and 3).

Labeler Code	Manufacturer
00023	Allergan Inc.
11980	Allergan Inc.
58914	Aptalis Pharma US, Inc.
63459	Cephalon, Inc.
00456	Forest Laboratories, Inc.
62175	Kremers Urban, Inc.
00527	Lannett Company, Inc.
68180	Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
00037	Meda Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
00378	Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
49502	Mylan Specialty L.P.
66993	Prasco Laboratories
25021	Sagent Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

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Highlighted Drugs of Non-Participating Drug Manufacturers

The following list contains impacted drugs of which providers should be aware in order to better assist members who need to transition to a covered manufacturer's equivalent drug product or a drug therapy alternative.

Labeler Code	Manufacturer	Drug
00023	Allergan Inc.	Alphagan P
00023	Allergan Inc.	Azelex
00023	Allergan Inc.	Combigan
00023	Allergan Inc.	FML S.O.P.
00023	Allergan Inc.	Lumigan
00023	Allergan Inc.	Restasis
00023	Allergan Inc.	Restasis Multidose
00023	Allergan Inc.	Rhofade
00023	Allergan Inc.	Zenpep
11980	Allergan Inc.	Blephamide
11980	Allergan Inc.	Pred Forte
11980	Allergan Inc.	Pred Mild
00456	Forest Laboratories, Inc.	Armour Thyroid
00456	Forest Laboratories, Inc.	Bystolic
00456	Forest Laboratories, Inc.	Linzess
00456	Forest Laboratories, Inc.	Monurol
00456	Forest Laboratories, Inc.	Namenda XR
00456	Forest Laboratories, Inc.	Savella
00456	Forest Laboratories, Inc.	Viibryd
00037	Meda Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Rowasa
00378	Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Generics produced under this labeler code
49502	Mylan Specialty L.P.	Epinephrine
49502	Mylan Specialty L.P.	Perforomist