

Medicare Advantage Members' Generic Medication Extended Day Supply to Increase January 1, 2023

Starting **January 1, 2023**, we are increasing the maximum extended day supply for generic medications in our formulary tiers 1, 2, and 6 for Medicare Advantage members. Generic medications will be extended from 90 days to 100 days at in-network extended day supply retail or mail-order pharmacies.

The generic drugs used to treat chronic conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol on these tiers will continue to be available for a **\$0 copay**. This new benefit will help our Medicare Advantage members save time by making fewer trips to the pharmacy. The benefit will also help members achieve medication adherence per Medicare's medication adherence quality measure.

Why we support a 100-day extended supply of medication

Our member medication adherence records show adherence rates are improved when prescriptions are written for a 100-day supply. When members receive a 100-day supply, the gap between the first fill and subsequent fills is shorter resulting in a higher Proportion of Days Covered (PDC).

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) uses the PDC, developed by Pharmacy Quality Alliance, to measure adherence. The PDC measures the number of days a member has medication in their possession during the measurement period. The measurement period starts on the date of the first fill of a calendar year and ends on December 31. Based on the Medication Adherence quality measure, a patient with a PDC rate of at least 80 percent is considered adherent.

Starting January 1, pharmacies will reach out to providers as needed to assist with switching members from a 90-day to 100-day supply. If the member's medication is not eligible for a 100-day extended supply, pharmacists will be able to switch prescriptions to a 90-day supply. Medication ineligible for 100-day extended supply applies to non-generic medication and is excluded from our Medicare Advantage formulary tiers 1, 2, and 6.

How you can help

Starting January 1, you can help eligible patients improve their medication adherence, save time, and lower expenses. By prescribing a 100-day supply of their generic medications with three refills you can support this enhancement.

Thank you in advance for assisting your Florida Blue Medicare Advantage patients in taking advantage of this new benefit.