

Medicare Part D Medication Transition Policy Member Summary

Stanford Health Care Advantage's medication transition policy will provide transitional medications to:

- New enrollees to Stanford Health Care Advantage as of January 1st following the Annual Enrollment Period.
- The transition of newly eligible Medicare beneficiaries from other coverage at the beginning of a contract year;
- The transition of individuals who switch from one plan to another after the beginning of a contract year;
- Enrollees residing in long-term care (LTC) facilities, Stanford Health Care Advantage ensures:
 - Enrollees residing in a LTC setting will receive a temporary supply of 91 to 98-day fill consistent with the dispensing increment (unless the enrollee presents with a prescription written for less), with refills provided if needed during the first 90 days of a beneficiary's enrollment with Stanford Health Care Advantage. In addition, Stanford Health Care Advantage a 31-day emergency supply of non-formulary Part D drugs (unless the enrollee presents with a prescription written from less than 31-days) while an exception or prior authorization is being processed.
 - For enrollees being admitted to or discharged from a LTC facility, are allowed to access a refill upon admission or discharge.
- In some cases, current enrollees affected by formulary changes from one contract year to the next.

The transition policy provides a one-time temporary 30-day fill at the retail setting (unless the enrollee presents a prescription written for less than 30 days in which case Stanford Health Care Advantage will allow multiple fills to provide up to a total of 30 days of medication) anytime during the first 90 days of the beneficiary's enrollment in Stanford Health Care Advantage, beginning on the enrollee's effective date of coverage.

Thirty days allows the plan and/or the enrollee sufficient time to work with the prescriber to either switch to a therapeutically equivalent medication on the Stanford Health Care Advantage formulary or complete an exception request to maintain the coverage of the non-formulary drug based upon medical necessity reasons.

- If a brand medication is being filled under transition, the previous claim must also be brand.
- If a generic medication is being filled under transition, the previous claim can be either brand or generic.

The cost sharing for the one-time transition will never exceed the enrollee's maximum copayment or coinsurance amounts and includes enrollee's low income subsidy amounts, if eligible. For non-LIS enrollees, cost sharing for non-formulary Part D drugs provided during the transition would be the same that would apply for non-formulary drugs approved through a formulary exception. Also, the same cost sharing will apply for formulary drugs that have utilization management edits provided during the transition that would apply once the utilization management criteria are met.

Stanford Health Care Advantage will send written notice to the enrollee within three business days of the transition fill indicating:

- An explanation of the temporary nature of the transition supply an enrollee has received.
- Instructions for working with Stanford Health Care Advantage and the enrollee's prescriber to identify therapeutic alternatives that are on the plan's formulary.
- An explanation of the enrollee's right to request a formulary exception.
- Description of the procedures for requesting a formulary exception.

For long-term care residents dispensed multiple supplies of a Part D drug in increments of 14-days-or-less, the written notice will be provided within 3 business days after the first temporary fill has been resolved. Stanford Health Care Advantage will ensure that reasonable efforts are made to notify prescribers of affected enrollees who receive a transition notice.

Stanford Health Care Advantage will provide an extension of the transition period under certain circumstances where the enrollee is eligible.

For current enrollees whose drugs are no longer on Stanford Health Care Advantage formulary, or remain on the formulary but to which new prior utilization or step therapy restrictions are applied, Stanford Health Care Advantage will ensure a meaningful transition by either:

- Providing a transition process consistent with the transition process required for new enrollees beginning in the new contract year; or
- Providing a transition prior to the beginning of the new contract year.

For more information

For more detailed information about your Stanford Health Care Advantage coverage, please review your Evidence of Coverage or call Member Services at 1-855-996-8422 (TTY 711), 8am to 8pm, Pacific Standard Time, 7 days a week (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) from October 1 to February 14, Monday through Friday (except holidays) from February 15 to September 30.

If you have general questions about Medicare prescription drug coverage, please call Medicare at **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)**, 24 hours a day/7 days a week. TTY users should call **1-877-486-2048**. Or visit medicare.gov.