

## **Highmark Blue Shield – Medicare Part D Transition Policy 2010**

As a new member in our plan you may be taking drugs that are not on our formulary. Or, you may be taking a drug that is on our formulary but your ability to get it is limited. For example, you may need a prior authorization from us before you can fill your prescription. You should talk to your doctor to decide if you should switch to an appropriate drug that we cover or request a formulary exception so that we will cover the drug you take. While you talk to your doctor to determine the right course of action for you, we may cover your drug in certain cases during the first 90 days you are a member of our plan.

If your drugs are not on our formulary or your ability to get your drugs is limited, we will cover a temporary 34-day supply (unless you have a prescription written for fewer days) when you go to a network pharmacy. After your first 34-day supply, we will not pay for these drugs, even if you have been a member of the plan less than 90 days.

If you are a resident of a long-term care facility, we will cover a temporary 34-day transition supply (unless you have a prescription written for fewer days). We will cover more than one refill of these drugs for the first 90 days you are a member of our plan. If you need a drug that is not on our formulary or your ability to get your drugs is limited, but you are past the first 90 days of membership in our plan, we will cover a 34-day emergency supply of that drug (unless you have a prescription for fewer days) while you pursue a formulary exception. This process will be implemented to accommodate you if you have an immediate need for a non-formulary drug or a drug that requires prior authorization due to a change in your level of care while you are waiting for an exception request to be processed.

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