

Quick Points



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2010 Part D prescription drug formulary and over-the-counter drug list

The local Part D Program prescription drug formulary is changing. The products for which the formulary is used are SecureBlue and CareBlue. This formulary will be used only for members of those products (SecureBlue and CareBlue) who have Medicare Part D coverage. SecureBlue or CareBlue members who do not have Part D coverage will use the GenRx formulary. The new local Medicare Part D formulary name is the “2010 Local Part D Formulary.”

Effective January 1, 2010, the new formulary will apply to the benefits for members covered by SecureBlue and CareBlue, as defined in your provider service agreement(s).

What does this mean for you?

When prescribing for a SecureBlue or CareBlue member, you may need to prescribe a different drug than you would for someone else with the same symptoms or condition.

What steps should you take?

Determine which of your patients' current prescription drugs will no longer be on the formulary.

The 2010 Part D Formulary is available by going to www.myrxassistant.com.

1. Click on “2010 Formulary” in the upper right corner of the page.
2. In the drop-down box, select “BCBS Minnesota.”
3. In the next drop-down box, select “CareBlue (HMO)” or “SecureBlue (HMO)”, as appropriate.

Members and providers can use the search tool or refer to the PDF of the 2010 Part D Formulary.

The PDF document also contains the list of over-the-counter (OTC) and Medicaid-covered drugs for these members. The electronic searchable formulary **does not** contain information on covered OTC or Medicaid-covered drugs.

Members can create an account on the www.myrxassistant.com website in order to search the drug list and see accurate drug cost and benefit information.

Most SecureBlue and CareBlue members have Medicare. For these members, use the 2010 Part D Formulary to determine prescription drugs covered.

For formulary information for SecureBlue and CareBlue members without Part D coverage, refer to the GenRx Formulary. This formulary is available on www.myrxhealth.com. The PDF of the GenRx formulary contains the OTC list for members with Medicaid only.

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Member communications

The 2010 Part D Formulary and OTC Drug list is sent to all CareBlue and SecureBlue members upon enrollment.

SecureBlue and CareBlue members will receive a letter if one or more of their medications are impacted. The letter will explain whether they will need to be moved to a different drug (or apply for a formulary exception) or if the drug will be “grandfathered” so that they can remain on that prescription without the need to take any action.

What if a member tries to fill a prescription for a drug not listed in the new formulary?

The member will be able to receive one “transition fill” for the drug, however any subsequent fill requests will be denied. The member will be referred to the prescribing physician for a new prescription.

We are committed to helping you make this change and serving these members' health care needs. Thank you for your assistance.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or toll free at **1-800-262-0820**.