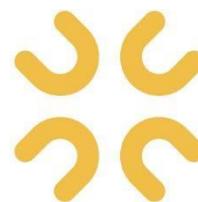


Provider Bulletin



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Pharmacy Formulary and Benefit Changes for 2022 – Effective January 1, 2022

This bulletin provides a summary of the 2022 UCare pharmacy formulary changes.

Click the links below to view the documents related to **2022 UCare formularies**:

[UCare Individual and Family Plans](#)

[UCare Individual and Family Plans with M Health Fairview](#)

[UCare Medicare and EssentiaCare](#)

[UCare Medicare with M Health Fairview and North Memorial](#)

[UCare Medicare – Group](#)

[UCare Minnesota Senior Health Options \(MSHO\) and UCare Connect + Medicare](#)

[Minnesota Health Care Programs \(MHCP\): UCare Connect, MinnesotaCare, PMAP, Minnesota Senior Care Plus](#)

(formulary is updated on the 1st of each month, 2022 formulary will be available January 1)

Split Fill Program for Select Oral Oncology Drugs for Medicaid and Individual & Family Plan (IFP) Members

Certain cancer drugs will be managed by a “split fill program” at Fairview Specialty Pharmacy. Within the first 90 days of treatment (up to 6 fills), some oral oncology drugs may be limited to a 14- or 15-day supply per fill. Drugs included in this limitation are noted in the formulary (drug list).

90-day Supplies Will Continue for Medicaid Members in 2022 with Changes

90-day supplies will continue in 2022 for Medicaid members. However, the drugs eligible for 90-day supplies will change and will be identified in the formulary (drug list). In general, only generic, non-specialty, non-controlled substance drugs will be eligible for 90-day supplies.

Exceptions will not be granted for drugs not eligible for a 90-day supply. Opioids, controlled substances, brand, DME and specialty drugs will only be eligible for up to 30-day supplies.

Enhanced Insulin Benefit for Medicare and IFP Members

Continuing for 2022, All UCare Medicare Advantage plans (UCare Medicare Plans, EssentiaCare and UCare with M Health Fairview and North Memorial) will offer a \$30 copay at preferred pharmacies or \$35 copay at standard cost share pharmacies for a one-month supply of formulary insulin. This benefit will apply in the Deductible, Initial Coverage and Coverage Gap stages of a member’s benefit. This program is only available for members not participating in the Medicare Extra Help program.

Continuing for 2022, IFP copay and HSA plans will offer a \$25 copay for a one-month supply of formulary insulin.

Enhanced Shingrix Coverage for Medicare Plans Continuing in 2022

SHINGRIX®, the shingles vaccine, will continue to be on tier 1 for all Medicare plans. This means members will have a tier 1 copay, and the vaccine will be excluded from the deductible. **As a reminder, UCare denies claims for providers administering Part D vaccines in their clinics. The preferred method is to have Part D vaccinations provided at a pharmacy or submit your claims to TransactRX.**

Enhanced Coverage for Select Brand Diabetes Drugs for IFP Copay Plan Members

Continuing for 2022, select brand diabetes drugs on the IFP formulary will be no more than \$25 for each 30-day supply (applies to Copay plans ONLY, excluding Core plan).

2022 Summary of Formulary Updates

The 2022 formulary changes noted below are considered high impact. This is not an all-inclusive list of 2022 updates.

Medicare-related updates:

Drug Name	Change for 2022	Alternative(s)
Tizanidine capsules	Removal from formulary	Tizanidine tablets
Vascepa	Removal from formulary	Icosapent ethyl capsule
Colchicine capsule	Removal from formulary	Colchicine tablet
Tacrolimus ointment	Up-tier from tier 2 to tier 4	Hydrocortisone cream, Triamcinolone cream
Cevimeline capsule	Up-tier from tier 2 to tier 4	Pilocarpine tablet
Colestipol tablet	Up-tier from tier 2 to tier 4	Cholestyramine and Cholestyramine light

IFP-related updates:

Drug Name	Change for 2022	Alternative(s)
Praluent	Removal from formulary	Repatha
Cyproheptadine	Removal from formulary	Diphenhydramine capsule
Xeljanz XR	Prior authorization addition	Enbrel, Humira, Otezla

Medicaid-related updates:

Reminder that UCare follows the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) Preferred Drug List (PDL), and coverage of PDL drugs in 2022 will be reflective of the coverage decisions of DHS's Drug Formulary Committee.

Member and Provider Communication

In late October through November, UCare sent letters to members and providers impacted by formulary removals, added prior authorization and up-tiered drugs to facilitate drug therapy adjustments, if appropriate, prior to the next calendar year. The goal of our 2022 changes is to enhance the safe use of medications and offer the most clinically and cost-effective therapy for our members.

Prior authorization for a 2022 formulary change may be submitted beginning Jan. 1, 2022.

Questions?

If you have further questions, please call UCare's Provider Assistance Center at 612-676-3300 or 1-888-531-1493 toll free or visit ucare.org/providers.