

Health Benefits Plan Summary of Material Modification

Prescription Drug Coverage Changes Effective July 1, 2010

Specialty Pharmacy Network

Specialty medications are generally prescribed to treat people with complex or rare conditions. These drugs often have special storage requirements and those who take them may need personalized patient education.

Effective July 1, 2010 your health plan will include the Specialty Pharmacy Network. Certain Specialty Drugs will only be covered when dispensed by a Specialty Participating Pharmacy. The Specialty Drug List can be found on the Blue Cross website www.bcbsal.com. This network includes the following pharmacies:

- **Accredo Health Group, Inc.**
- **CVS/Caremark**
- **Triessent**

The Specialty Pharmacy Network offers added benefits such as:

- Regular follow ups to schedule refills, answer questions and encourage proper drug usage;
- Counseling sessions with member or member's caregiver to encourage a better understanding of the medication;
- Specialty-trained pharmacists and registered nurses who are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist in managing critical aspects of care;
- Packaging and handling protocols designed to maintain product integrity;
- Careful tracking of each prescription delivery; and
- Convenient delivery to the home.

Drug Refill Changes

Refill percentage rate changes will take effect on July 1 to help encourage compliance and decrease potential waste. We are increasing the early refill rate to 75%. This means that refills will only be allowed after 75% of the previous prescription has been used, for example 23 days into a 30 day supply.

This change also encourages medication safety by reducing the risk for non adherence to the prescribed course of therapy.



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