

Specialty Drugs



What Are Specialty Drugs?

They're prescription medications that are used to treat complex or chronic medical conditions like cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis and hepatitis, just to name a few. They are often self-injected or self-administered. Specialty drugs usually require patient-specific dosing and careful clinical monitoring. They may also require special handling and refrigeration.

Some of our plans provide a different level of coverage for specialty drugs. And with some plans, you must use a Caremark Specialty Pharmacy Services pharmacy for your specialty drugs. On behalf of your health plan, Caremark Specialty Pharmacy Services dispenses specialty drugs. Caremark Specialty Pharmacy Services is an independent company that dispenses specialty drugs and provides other related services. Check your benefits booklet or talk with your Benefits department to learn how your plan covers specialty drugs. You can also view personal benefit information through our Web site.

You need prior authorization (PA) for some specialty drugs. PAs help promote the proper use of certain medications. If your doctor prescribes a specialty drug that needs a PA, you must get prior approval before your plan will pay for it. We base our prior authorization guidelines on FDA and manufacturer guidelines, medical literature, safety, accepted medical practice, appropriate use and benefit design. Our program only affects the medication that your benefit plan covers. You and your doctor should make the final decision about the medication that is right for you.

What Happens at the Pharmacy?

When you use a local pharmacy, the pharmacist enters your prescription into the computer system. If you are required to use Caremark Specialty Pharmacy Services, or if your prescription requires prior authorization (PA), the system will alert your pharmacist with the number you should call. If you are not required to use Caremark and a PA is not required (or if you already have a PA), the system will tell your pharmacist the amount you must pay.

When you use Caremark Specialty Pharmacy Services, Caremark will take care of any paperwork, claims or prior authorization requirements for you. The Caremark pharmacist will enter your prescription into the computer system. If your prescription requires prior authorization (PA), your pharmacist will work with your doctor and the PA department on your behalf. If a PA is not required (or if you already have a PA), the system will tell your pharmacist the amount you must pay.

What Medications Are Specialty Drugs?

See the attached list. We post the most updated version of this list on our Web site. A specialty drug may also be a generic, preferred brand or non-preferred brand drug. When a specialty drug falls into multiple categories, we consider it a specialty drug and not a generic or preferred or non-preferred brand drug as long as it remains on this list. If your plan requires you to use Caremark for your specialty drugs, you or your doctor must call Caremark Specialty Pharmacy Services at 866-513-5214. Even if you are not required to use Caremark for your specialty drugs, you can still do so by calling 866-513-5214.

Acthar HP®*
Actimmune NF®
Adagen®
Adcirca®*
Advate™
Afinitor®
Aldurazyme®
Alphanate®
Alferon-N®
Alphanine SD®
Ampriva®
Ampyra™
Amevive®*
Apligraf®
Aralast™
Aranesp®*
Arcalyst®*
Arzerra™
Avonex®*
Baygam®
Bebulin VH®
Benefix®
Berinert®*
Betaseron®*
Boniva® Injectable
Botox™*
Carimune® NF
Cayston®
Ceprotrin™
Ceredase
Cerezyme®
Cimzia®
Cinryze®*
Copaxone®
Copegus®*
Cystadane®
Cytogam®
Dacogen™
Degarelix
Dysport™*
Elaprase®
Eligard™
Enbrel®*
Epogen®
Euflexxa™
Exjade®
Extavia®
Fabrazyme®
Feiba VH Immuno®
Firmagon®
Flebogamma®
Flolan®*
Forteo®*
Fuzeon®*
Gammagard® S/D

GammaStan®
Gamunex®
Genotropin®*
Gleevec®
Helixate FS®
Hemofil-M®
Herceptin®
Hizentra™
Humate-P®
Humatrope®*
Humira®*
Hyalgan®
Hycamtin®
Illaris®*
Implanon™
Increlex™
Infergen®*
Intron®-A*
Iressa®
Istodax®
Iveegam® EN
Kalbitor®*
Kineret®*
Koate-DVI®
Kogenate FS®
Kuvan™
Letairis™*
Leukine®
Lucentis™
Lupron Depot - Ped®
Lupron Depot®
Macugen®
Monarc-M
Monoclalte-P®
Mononine®
Mozobil™
Myobloc®*
Myozyme®
Naglazyme™
Neulasta®*
Neumega®*
Neupogen®*
Nexavar®
Norditropin®*
Novantrone®*
Novoseven®
NPlate®
Nutropin®*
Nutropin AQ®*
Nutropin Depot®*
Octagam®
Octreotide Acetate
Oforta™
Omnitrope
Orencia®*

Orfadin™
Orthovisc®
Panglobulin®
Pegasys®*
PEG-Intron®*
Polygam® SD
Privigen™
Procrit®*
Profilnine SD®
Prolastin®
Promacta®
Proplex-T
Pulmozyme®
Rebetol®*
Rebif®*
Recombinate
Refacto®
Remicade®*
Remodulin®*
Revatio™*
Revlimid®
Rhopylac®
RiaSTAP™
Ribasphere®*
Ribavirin®*
Rituxan®*
Roferon®-A*
Sabril®*
Saizen®*
Sandostatin®
Sandostatin® LAR
Sensipar®
Serostim®*
Simponi™*
Soliris®
Somatuline® Depot
Somavert®
Sprycel™
Stimate®
Stelara®*
Supartz®
Supprelin LA®
Sutent®
Synagis®*
Synvisc One®
Synvisc®
Tarceva®
Tasigna®
Temodar®
Tev-Tropin™*
Thalomid® IV
Thyrogen®
TOBI®
Tracleer®*
Trelstar Depot™

Trelstar LA™
Tykerb®
Tysabri®*
Tyvaso™*
Valstar™
Vantas™
Ventavis®*
Viadur®
Vidaza®
Visudyne®
Vivaglobin®
Vivitrol®
Vpriv™
Votrient™
Wilate®
Winrho SDF®
Xeloda®
Xenazine
Xiaflex™
Xolair®*
Xyntha®
Xyrem®
Zavesca®
Zemaira®
Zoladex®
Zolinza™
Zorbtive™

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