

January 1, 2019 Florida Blue Quarterly Pharmacy Update

Details

Prior Authorization Program

On January 1, we'll add the following medications to the Prior Authorization program. This change applies only to members enrolled in health plans that are part of the Prior Authorization program

- Ajovy
- Copiktra
- Epidiolex
- Imiquimod 3.75 cream
- Mulpleta
- Oxervate
- Panzyga
- Tegsedi
- Trokendi XR
- Qudexy XR
- Xyosted
- Biltricide 600 mg **
- Emgality
- Galafold
- Jivi
- Nivestym
- Oxycodone-ibu 5-400**
- Takhzyro
- Tibsovo
- Vizimpro
- Welchol 3.75 gm**
- Ztlido

*Summary of criteria and additional information is available with our authorization forms.

** Closed formulary only

Responsible Quantity Program

On January 1, we're adding the following medications to the program. This change applies only to members enrolled in health plans that are part of the Responsible Quantity Program.

Brand/Generic Name	Strength	Dispensing Limit Per Month (unless noted otherwise)
Ajovy		3 syringes / 90 days
Delstrigo	100 300 300	30 tabs
Dupixent	200 mg	2 syringes / 28 days
Emgality		1 injector
Imiquimod 3.75% cream	3.75%	15 grams
Lenvima therapy pack	4 mg	30 caps
Lenvima therapy pack	12 mg	90 caps
Pifeltro		30 tabs
Signifor LAR		1 kit / 28 days
Xarelto	2.5 mg	60 tabs
Xelpros		2.5 ml
Xofluza	20mg, 40mg	4 tabs / 120 days

Brand/Generic Name	Strength	Dispensing Limit Per Month (unless noted otherwise)
Xyosted		4 pens / 30 days
Ztlido		90 patches

Responsible Steps Program

On January 1, we will add Minolira to the Minocycline ER Responsible Steps program. This change applies only to members enrolled in health plans that are part of the Responsible Steps Program.

Pharmacy Coverage Exclusions

On January 1, our commercial pharmacy plans will no longer cover the brand name drugs listed below. We will cover many of their generic alternatives. This exclusion list applies only to members enrolled in health plans that allow pharmacy coverage exclusions.

Drugs Added to Pharmacy Coverage Exclusion List		
Adapalene solution	Amcinonide cream 0.1%	Androgel 1.62%
Apidra	Baclofen 5 mg tab	Butalbital/APAP 50/300
Carafate suspension	Epiduo Forte	Finacea foam
Humalog mix	Kaspargo sprinkle	Plixda
Pristiq brand	Strattera brand	Topicort Spray
Drugs Added back to Coverage		
Butalbital/APAP/caff 50/300/40	Silenor	

Impacted Members

Updates to the Responsible Rx Programs only apply to members enrolled in health plans that allow these programs to be implemented, and to groups that have not opted out of these programs.

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Below is a summary of how the members will be impacted by the latest Responsible Rx Program updates:

Members	Currently take drug	Start drug after 1/1/19
Individual Under 65	Effective 4/1/19	Effective 1/1/19
Fully Insured Groups	Effective 4/1/19	Effective 1/1/19
ASO Groups	Varies by ASO group*	Effective 1/1/19

*Many of our ASO groups have chosen to allow grandfathering of the Responsible Rx Programs. Unless the ASO group administrator has opted to eliminate grandfathering from their benefits, ASO group members who are currently taking an impacted drug will be indefinitely grandfathered and allowed to continue taking their medication.

To help you talk to your ASO group administrator about the benefits of opting into the Responsible Rx Programs, use this [Opting Into Savings ASO Group Flier](#).

Member Outreach

In February, Florida Blue will mail letters to members currently taking an impacted medication. The letter will let them know that they'll until April 1, 2019 (60 days) to get a new prescription or have their doctor complete the necessary authorization.

Next Steps

Review the information in this article and the below talking points so that you are prepared to answer questions from members and groups. You can access Medication Guides (formularies) for commercial plans [here](#). The guides list all covered drugs and pharmacy programs for commercial plans.

Talking Points

We prepared the following talking points to help you respond to questions from members, benefit administrators and agents.

- With so many drugs on the market, there are alternatives that are safe and equally effective, and can save members money.
- We encourage members to talk with their doctor if they are taking a medication impacted by any of these changes.
- To see which drugs are covered and to look up the cost, members should log in to their member account at floridablue.com. This is the easiest way to see which drugs are covered and what authorizations may be needed. Members can also enter drug names and compare prices at different pharmacies.
- For more information, members can also call the toll-free Customer Service number on their ID card.