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**2025 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan - FEP Blue Focus**

**Section 5(f)(a). FEP Medicare Prescription Drug Program**

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Notes:

- Updates to the list of drugs and supplies requiring prior approval are made periodically during the year. New drugs and supplies may be added to the list and prior approval criteria may change. Changes to the prior approval list or to prior approval criteria are not considered benefit changes.
  - If your prescription requires prior approval and you have not yet obtained prior approval, you must pay the full cost of the drug or supply at the time of purchase and file a claim with the Retail Pharmacy Program to be reimbursed. Please refer to Section 7 for instructions on how to file prescription drug claims.
  - It is your responsibility to know the prior approval authorization expiration date for your medication. We encourage you to work with your physician to obtain prior approval renewal in advance of the expiration date.
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- **A generic equivalent will be dispensed if it is available** unless your physician specifically requires a brand name drug. If you receive a brand name drug when an FDA approved generic drug is available, and your physician has not specified Dispense as Written for the brand name drug, you have to pay the difference in cost between the brand name drug and the generic.
  - **Why use generic drugs.** Generic equivalent drugs have the same active ingredients as their brand-name equivalents. By filling your prescriptions (or those of family members covered by the Plan) at a Preferred retail pharmacy or through the Specialty Drug Pharmacy Program, you authorize the pharmacist to substitute any available U.S. FDA-approved generic equivalent, unless you or your physician specifically request a brand-name drug. Keep in mind that FEP Blue Focus members **must use network pharmacies in order to receive benefits**. See Section 10 for our definitions of generic alternatives and generic equivalents.

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## How to obtain your prescription drugs and supplies:

- Make sure you have your ID card when you are ready to purchase your prescription.
  - Go to any network pharmacy, or
  - Visit the website of your retail pharmacy to request your prescriptions online and delivery, if available.
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## Medical Foods

Medical foods, as defined by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, that are consumed or administered enterally and are intended for the specific dietary management of a disease or condition for which there are distinctive nutritional requirements.

The Plan covers medical food formulas and enteral nutrition products that are ordered by a healthcare provider and are medically necessary to prevent clinical deterioration in members at nutritional risk.

Must meet the definition of medical food described in Section 10.

Must be receiving active, regular, and ongoing medical supervision and must be unable to manage the condition by modification of diet alone.

Coverage is provided as follows:

- Inborn errors of amino acid metabolism
- Food allergy with atopic dermatitis, gastrointestinal symptoms, IgE mediation, malabsorption disorder, seizure disorder, failure to thrive, or prematurity, when administered orally and is the sole source (100%) of nutrition. This once per lifetime benefit is limited to one year following the date of the initial prescription or physician order for the medical food (e.g., Neocate, in a formula form or powders mixed to become formulas)
- Medical foods and nutritional supplements when administered by catheter or nasogastric tubes

Notes:

- A prescription is required for medical foods provided under the pharmacy benefit.
  - See Section 5(a) for our coverage of medical foods and nutritional supplements when administered by catheter or nasogastric tube under the medical benefit.
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