

Attention: Pharmacists

Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans and Temporary First Fill Policies

Medicare Part D prescription drug plans are required to establish a transition process for Medicare/Medicaid full-benefit dual eligible enrollees who are transitioning from other prescription drug coverage. This transition process includes filling of a temporary one-time transition supply for a prescription drug that is not on the formulary of the Medicare Part D drug plan in which the beneficiary is enrolled. This accommodates the immediate need of the beneficiary and allows the beneficiary and the drug plan to work out with the prescriber an appropriate alternative medication or completion of an exception request to maintain coverage. Temporary first fill policies can vary from plan to plan based on the drug in question, the unique needs of an individual and an individual's setting (e.g., a long term care setting).

The following information includes temporary first fill policies for Medicare Part D prescription drug plans available in North Carolina:

Organization	Formulary ID #	New Enrollee General Transition Day Supply (First Fill)	New Enrollee Long Term Care Transition Day Supply (First Fill)
SilverScript	619	30 days	90 days
Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina	786	30 days	90-180 days
Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina	787	30 days	90-180 days
SilverScript	897	30 days	90 days
Cigna Healthcare	1241	Utilization management clinical edits lifted during the 30 day transition period	Utilization management clinical edits lifted during the 90 day transition period
Pennsylvania Life Insurance Company	1446	60 days	60 days

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RxAmerica	1479	30 days	30 days initially. Based on exceptions process outcome, may extend up to 90-180 days
RxAmerica	1644	30 days	30 days initially. Based on exceptions process outcome, may extend up to 90-180 days
Humana, Inc.	1863	30 days	Up to 90 days
WellCare	2003	30 days	90 days
WellCare	2129	30 days	90 days
Unicare	2493	90 days	90 days
Unicare	2546	90 days	90 days
WellCare	2629	30 days	90 days
PacifiCare Life and Health Insurance Company	2654	30 days	30 days initially, but may be extended up to 90 days if stabilized on multiple non-formulary medications
PacifiCare Life and Health Insurance Company	2656	30 days	30 days initially, but may be extended up to 90 days if stabilized on multiple non-formulary medications
Aetna Medicare	2662	Up to 30 day supply for all Part D medications and for select drugs, 1 plan year	90-180 days for all Part D medications or 1 plan year coverage
Aetna Medicare	2681	Up to 30 day supply for all Part D medications and for select drugs, 1 plan year	90-180 days for all Part D medications or 1 plan year coverage
Coventry AdvantraRx	2759	30 days	Up to 90 days
Coventry AdvantraRx	2764	30 days	Up to 90 days
Coventry AdvantraRx	2766	30 days	Up to 90 days