

Michigan Medicine's Southeast Michigan pharmacies may leave the Blue Cross and BCN specialty network on July 1

We are obligated to notify you of a situation that may impact patients with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan or Blue Care Network insurance coverage for specialty drugs that they or someone on their plan has been receiving through Michigan Medicine's specialty pharmacy. Blue Cross is currently negotiating a contract renewal with Michigan Medicine, also known as the University of Michigan hospital system or health system. Michigan Medicine's current payment contract with Blue Cross expires on June 30, and the system has notified Blue Cross of its intent to terminate its status as a participating provider in our network if a new contract is not reached.

While we are determined to reach a new contract, our members' specialty drugs may no longer be covered under their Blue Cross or BCN pharmacy benefits when filled at Michigan Medicine pharmacies after June 30.

What members need to consider

To ensure our members do not experience an interruption in the availability of their medication, we recommend they consider making arrangements to transfer their specialty prescriptions to Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy, which is in-network with Blue Cross and will provide them with the drugs at the same cost, in advance of the June 30 deadline. To get started, members can call Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy at **1-866-515-1355** to set up their profile for home delivery. They can also ask their health care providers to send new prescriptions to Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy electronically or by fax to **1-866-515-1356**.

Blue Cross and BCN have been working with Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy for nearly 20 years. Together, we are committed to providing our members with personalized, high-quality health care solutions and a variety of delivery options and services. Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy offers highly effective prescription fulfillment and support, so members can focus on their health. It offers 24/7 access to a pharmacist or nurse to answer their medication questions.

For a current list of specialty drugs in this program, members can go to **bcbsm.com/specialtydrug** and click on *Specialty Drug Program Rx Benefit Member Guide (PDF)*.

Members filling a limited distribution drug

Some manufacturers limit the distribution of specialty drugs. These drugs are only available through designated pharmacies. To ensure our members do not experience an interruption in the availability of their medication, we recommend they consider

transitioning their prescriptions to be filled at another pharmacy designated by the manufacturer and contracted with Blue Cross. To find a new pharmacy:

1. Go to bcbsm.com/pharmacy.
2. Click on *What are specialty drugs?*
3. Click on the *Specialty Drug Program Rx Benefit Member Guide (PDF)*.
4. Members can see the locations and phone numbers listed under the *Limited distribution specialty drugs* section. This list is updated monthly, and these pharmacies have extensive experience with specialty care and limited distribution drugs.

Additional information

- You can find updates on the Michigan Medicine situation by visiting bcbsm.com/updates.
- We have a special webpage for providers on the Michigan Medicine situation. You can find it at providerinfo.bcbsm.com/hospitalupdates.
- For more information about specialty drugs and coverage, go to bcbsm.com/specialtydrug.

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