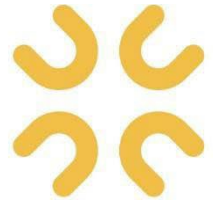


Provider Bulletin



News and Information

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Pharmacy Formulary and Benefit Changes for 2023 Effective Jan. 1, 2023

This bulletin provides a summary of the 2023 UCare pharmacy formulary changes.

Click the links below to view the documents related to **2023 UCare formularies**:

[UCare Individual and Family Plans](#)

[UCare Individual and Family Plans with M Health Fairview](#)

[UCare Medicare and EssentiaCare](#)

[UCare Medicare with M Health Fairview and North Memorial](#)

[UCare Medicare Your Choice Plans](#) (New for 2023)

[UCare Medicare – Group](#)

[UCare Minnesota Senior Health Options \(MSHO\) and UCare Connect + Medicare](#)

[Minnesota Health Care Programs \(MHCP\): UCare Connect, MinnesotaCare, PMAP, Minnesota Senior Care Plus](#)
(formulary is updated on the first of each month, 2023 formulary will be available January 1)

Medicare Senior Savings Model and Additional Insulin Copay Cap

Effective Jan. 1, 2023, Medicare members won't pay more than \$35 for a one-month supply of each formulary insulin. In addition, most UCare Medicare Advantage plans (UCare Medicare Plans, EssentiaCare and UCare Medicare with M Health Fairview and North Memorial) will continue to offer a \$30 copay at preferred network pharmacies for a one-month supply of formulary insulin.

Medicare Part D Vaccine Coverage

Beginning Jan. 1, 2023, adult Part D vaccines will be covered at no cost to the member, even if the deductible has not been paid. Adult Part D vaccines will be noted in the online formulary.

As a reminder, UCare denies claims for providers administering Part D vaccines in their clinics. The preferred method is to have Part D vaccinations provided at a pharmacy.

If the part D vaccination is provided at the clinic, we request the provider submit the claim using an electronic claims adjudication portal called [TransactRX](#). By submitting the claims electronically, the patient is charged the same copay they would be charged at a retail pharmacy at the time of service, and the provider is reimbursed for their cost in a timely manner. There is no need to submit a claim form to UCare. Additional information is available in the Claims & Payment section of the [Provider Manual](#).

Individual and Family Plans (IFP) Members - Enhanced Insulin Benefit and Enhanced Coverage for Select Brand Diabetes Drugs

IFP copay and HSA plans: \$25 copay for a one-month supply of formulary insulin.

IFP copay plans ONLY, excluding Core plan: select brand diabetes drugs on the IFP formulary will be no more than \$25 for each 30-day supply.

2023 Summary of Formulary Updates

The 2023 formulary changes noted below are considered high impact. This is not an all-inclusive list of 2023 updates.

Medicare-related updates:

Drug Name	Change for 2023	Alternatives to consider
Duloxetine 40mg	Removal from formulary	Duloxetine 20mg, 30mg, and 60mg
Fluoxetine tablets	Removal from formulary	Fluoxetine capsules
Viibryd	Removal from formulary	Vilazodone tablet (generic Viibryd)
Opioids (oxycodone, tramadol, morphine, hydrocodone, etc)	Up-tier from tier 2 to tier 3	Gabapentin, naproxen, celecoxib, diclofenac
PPIs (omeprazole, pantoprazole, etc)	Up-tier from tier 1 to tier 2	famotidine
Potassium chloride	Up-tier from tier 1 to tier 2	No lower tier alternatives
Latanoprost drops	Up-tier from tier 1 to tier 2	Timolol drops
Hydroxychloroquine tablets	Adding PA	Mefloquine, atovaquone-proguanil

IFP-related updates:

Drug Name	Change for 2023	Alternatives to consider
Authorized generic albuterol (Prasco, NDC 66993001968)	Removal from formulary	All true generic albuterol HFA, Ventolin
Fluoxetine tablets	Removal from formulary	Fluoxetine capsules
Duloxetine 40mg	Removal from formulary	Duloxetine 20mg, 30mg, and 60mg
Hydroxychloroquine tablets	Adding PA	Mefloquine, atovaquone-proguanil

Medicaid-related updates:

Reminder that UCare follows the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) Preferred Drug List (PDL), and coverage of PDL drugs in 2023 will be reflective of the coverage decisions of DHS's Drug Formulary Committee.

Member and Provider Communication

In late October through November, UCare sent letters to members and providers impacted by formulary removals, added prior authorization and up-tiered drugs to facilitate drug therapy adjustments, if appropriate, prior to the next calendar year. The goal of our 2023 changes is to enhance the safe use of medications and offer the most clinically and cost-effective therapy for our members.

Prior authorization for a 2023 formulary change may be submitted beginning Jan. 1, 2023.

Questions?

If you have further questions, please call UCare's Provider Assistance Center at 612-676-3300 or 1-888-531-1493 toll free or visit ucare.org/providers.