

Local 734 Welfare Fund / Pension Fund

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To All Plan Participants:

Specialty Pharmaceutical Program

Specialty pharmaceutical drugs are medications that are used to treat complex conditions such as cancer, multiple sclerosis, hepatitis, hemophilia and rheumatoid arthritis, to name a few. They are often self-injected or administered under professional supervision. These drugs require special handling, administration and monitoring.

Starting June 1, 2017:

All prescription drugs that Sav-Rx classifies as “specialty pharmaceuticals” will require prior authorization and utilization review by Sav-Rx to ensure that they are being prescribed for an appropriate patient and condition at an acceptable dose and quantity.

Specialty pharmaceuticals must be purchased through the Sav-Rx Mail Order Pharmacy. You will be allowed one retail fill, but all subsequent fills must be through the Sav-Rx Mail Order Pharmacy. Sav-Rx may limit the initial quantity.

Each fill of a specialty pharmaceutical will be limited to a 30-day supply to prevent wasting due to dose changes or therapy discontinuation.

Patients who started their specialty drug therapy before June 1 will be grandfathered for 60 days – the new rules will apply to grandfathered users starting July 31, 2017.

Common Specialty Drugs

Anastrozole	Enbrel	Medroxyprogesterone	Oxycontin	Tacrolimus
Botox	Enoxaparin	Mycophenolate	Prograf	Victoza
Cabergoline	Fluvirin	Ondansetron	Rebif	Xeljanz
Cimzia	Humira	Otezla	Sildenafil	Tacrolimus
Copaxone	Lupron			

This is not a complete list!

You can initiate prior authorization by calling Sav-Rx at 1-800-228-3108. Please have the drug name, strength and dosage, as well as your doctor’s name, phone number and fax number available. The Sav-Rx clinical department will contact your doctor’s office to obtain the required information.

If you have questions regarding your specialty medication, please call Sav-Rx at 1-800-228-3108. Customer service representatives are available 24/7.