

## WellCare 2012 Transition Policy

To ensure a smooth transition process for WellCare enrollees and address the needs of individuals who are joining the WellCare family from other Part D plan providers, WellCare has established an appropriate transition process to address these needs.

WellCare has established guidelines to address:

- the transitioning of new members on January 1, 2012 following the 2011 annual coordinated election period;
- the transitioning of newly eligible Medicare beneficiaries in 2012;
- the transitioning of existing members impacted by a negative formulary change from the prior year;
- the transitioning of members who may switch Medicare Part D plans after January 1, 2012; and
- members who may reside in long-term care (LTC) facilities.

WellCare's transition policy applies to (a) Part D medications that are not on WellCare's formulary and (b) Part D medications that are on WellCare's formulary but may require prior authorization or step therapy under WellCare's established utilization management rules.

WellCare has created a Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) committee comprised of both pharmacist and physicians from many fields (e.g. Internal Medicine, Psychiatry, etc.). Our P&T committee reviews and provides recommendations regarding non-formulary medication requests. Also, our P&T committee establishes protocols for suggestions to both Medicare Part D enrollees and their physicians the use of therapeutically formulary alternatives.

### Transition Policy

WellCare's transition policy addresses those situations in which members may or may not be aware of the medications that are on WellCare's formulary, unsure what is covered by WellCare's formulary, or unfamiliar with WellCare's formulary exception process. WellCare's transition policy meets the immediate needs of our valued members and allows the member sufficient time to work with his or her prescribing physician to switch to a therapeutically equivalent formulary medication or complete the formulary exception process.

#### Ambulatory (Community) Members

During the member's first 93 days of enrollment with WellCare, the member can obtain up to a 31-day temporary supply of a non-formulary medication (including Part D drugs that require a prior authorization or step therapy).

#### Long-Term Care (LTC) Members

During the member's first 98 days of enrollment with WellCare, the member can obtain up to a 31-day transition supply. WellCare will honor multiple fills of non-formulary Part D medications (including Part D medication that are on WellCare's formulary but require

prior authorization or step therapy under WellCare's utilization management rules) as appropriate during the entire length of the 98-day transition period.

If an LTC enrollee is outside his or her 98-day transition period, WellCare will provide an emergency supply of non-formulary medication (including Part D medications that are on WellCare's formulary but require prior authorization or step therapy under WellCare's utilization management rules). This emergency supply will be for at least 31 days of medication, unless the prescription is written for less than 31 days. The emergency supply is to ensure that members receive their medications while an exception has been requested through WellCare.

There are times when an enroll may experience an unplanned level of care change transition (e.g.; discharged or admitted to an LTC facility, discharged or admitted to hospitals, nursing facility skill level changes, etc.). In these instances, WellCare will provide an emergency supply of non-formulary medication (including Part D medications that are on WellCare's formulary but require prior authorization or step therapy under WellCare's utilization management rules). This emergency supply will be for at least 31 days of medication, unless the prescription is written for less than 31 days. The emergency supply is to ensure that members receive their medications while an exception has been requested through WellCare.

## Negative Formulary Changes

WellCare understands that many members who continue as WellCare members into 2012 may be impacted by negative formulary changes that occur to WellCare's 2012 Medicare formulary. Even though members are sent an Annual Notice of Change, WellCare realizes that not all members may be aware that some medications that are considered formulary in 2011 may be considered non-formulary in 2012. To help alleviate some of this confusion, WellCare allows a one-time transitional fill, for a maximum of 31 days of medication, of all medications that are impacted by negative formulary changes in 2012. If the prescription is written by the prescriber for less than a 31-days supply, the prescribed days supply defines the minimum quantity authorized as the transition fill. Long term care members will receive multiple fills during the first 98 days for the new plan year.

## Transition Fill Requests due to Other Reasons and Extension of Transitional Fills

WellCare continues to provide necessary Part D drugs to members via an extension of the transition period, on a case-by-case basis, to the extent that their exception request or appeal has not been processed by the end of the minimum transition period and until such time as a transition has been made (either through a switch to an appropriate formulary drug or a decision on an exception request).

## Transition Notices

All members who receive a temporary supply, as well as the prescribing physician, of a non-formulary Part D medication will receive a written notice via US mail regarding their transition fill and the transition process. This notification will be sent within 3 business days of the temporary fill. The notice will include: (1) an explanation of the transition supply that the member received; (2) instructions for working with WellCare and the member's prescriber to identify appropriate therapeutic formulary alternatives; (3) an explanation of the member's right to request a formulary exception; and (4) a description of the formulary exception process.

Formulary exception requests will be available to both members, their prescribing physicians (or other providers), and their representatives via fax, mail, phone, and [www.wellcarepdp.com](http://www.wellcarepdp.com).