

Medicare Part D Transition Policy Overview

Introduction

GuildNet Gold Plus FIDA Plan's goal is to make the transition into the new benefit year for plan participants as seamless as possible. GuildNet Gold Plus FIDA Plan's Transition Policy addresses those situations in which participants may or may not be aware of the medications that are on the Plan's List of Covered Drugs or formulary, unsure what is covered by the Plan's List of Covered Drugs or formulary, or unfamiliar with the Plan's List of Covered Drugs or formulary exception process. GuildNet Gold Plus FIDA Plan's transition policy meets the immediate needs of our participants and allows them sufficient time to work with their prescribing physician/interdisciplinary team (IDT) to switch to a therapeutically equivalent formulary medication or complete the formulary exception process. During the first 90 days of enrollment, GuildNet Gold Plus FIDA Plan will provide a temporary supply of medications to its participants.

GuildNet Gold Plus FIDA Plan's transition policy applies to:

- Medicare Part D drugs and Medicaid drugs that are not on the List of Covered Drugs or formulary and
- Medicare Part D drugs and Medicaid drugs that are on the Plan's formulary but may require prior authorization, step therapy or quantity limitations under GuildNet Gold Plus FIDA Plan's established utilization management rules

Transition fill at participating network pharmacy

For each medication that is not on our formulary or is subject to a utilization management edit, GuildNet Gold Plus FIDA Plan will cover up to a 90 day supply (unless the prescription is written for fewer days) when taken to a network pharmacy during the transition period.

Transition fill at long-term care facility

If you are a resident of a long-term care facility, we will allow you to refill your prescription until we have provided you with up to a 98 day transition supply, consistent with dispensing increment, (unless you have a prescription written for fewer days). We will cover more than one refill of these medications for the first 90 days you are a participant of our plan. If you need a medication that is not on our formulary or if your ability to get your medications is limited, but you are past the first 90 days of enrollment in our plan, we will cover a 31 day emergency supply of that medication (unless you have a prescription for fewer days) while you pursue a formulary exception.

Transition Notices

All participants receiving a temporary supply of a medication will receive a written notice via US mail regarding their transition fill and the transition process. Prescribing physicians will also receive this notice. This notification will be sent within 3 business days of the temporary fill. The notice will include:

- An explanation of the transition supply that the participant received;

- Instructions for working with GuildNet Gold Plus FIDA Plan and the participant's prescriber to identify appropriate therapeutic formulary alternatives;
- An explanation of the participant's right to request a formulary exception; and
- A description of the formulary exception process.

GuildNet Gold Plus FIDA Plan is a managed care plan that contracts with both Medicare and New York State Department of Health (Medicaid) to provide benefits of both programs to Participants through the Fully Integrated Duals Advantage (FIDA) Demonstration.

The List of Covered Drugs and/or pharmacy and provider networks may change throughout the year. We will send you a notice before we make a change that affects you.

You can get this document for free in other formats, such as large print, braille, or audio. Call 1-800-815-0000 and 711 (TTY/TDD) during Monday through Sunday, 8am to 8pm. The call is free.

The State of New York has created a participant ombudsman program called the Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN) to provide Participants free, confidential assistance on any services offered by GuildNet Gold Plus FIDA Plan. ICAN may be reached toll-free at 1-844-614-8800 at online icannys.org. (TTY users call 711, then follow the prompts to dial 844-614-8800.)

Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-815-0000 o TTY/TDD al 711, de lunes a domingo de 8am a 8pm. La llamada es gratis.