



Compounded Medications for BCBSM and BCN

BCBSM Coverage Changes for Compounded Prescriptions

Two changes in coverage for compounded prescriptions for BCBSM customers will take effect Oct. 1, 2011:

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan will no longer cover most compounded prescriptions containing bulk chemicals.
- Compounds priced more than \$150 will require prior authorization. BCBSM will consider requests from physicians to pay for compounds \$150 or more based on medical necessity.

Affected BCBSM members will be notified of this change by mail. If you have questions about these changes, please call the BCBSM Pharmacy Services Clinical Help Desk at **800.437.3803**.

BCN Covers Compounded Medications with Prior Approval

Blue Care Network covers most compounded medications only with prior approval. BCN will approve those compounded products when there is a clear medical necessity, when the use is supported by scientific literature, when all ingredients are FDA approved, and when no appropriate FDA-approved commercial formulations are available.

To request authorization, members must call the BCN Clinical Pharmacy Help Desk at **800.437.3803**.

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