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Walgreens
Specialty Pharmacy

Harness the power of an exclusive specialty program

AN ALLIANCE TO HELP REDUCE YOUR SPECIALTY DRUG COSTS AND ACHIEVE YOUR EMPLOYEES' HEALTH GOALS

Strengthened by our relationship with Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network can help reduce the cost of specialty drugs for your organization and its members. With a national scale and local presence in Michigan, Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy is focused on patient care and employer satisfaction.

Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy reduces specialty drug spending and trends to improve your bottom line and your employees' care.

Comprehensive access to specialty medications

Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy gives Blue Cross and BCN customers specialty medications at competitive discounts. It also gives pricing predictability and coverage of specialty drugs your employees need, including providing nation-leading access to more than 170 of the most hard-to-access limited distribution drugs.

Clinical audit programs

These cost management intervention programs uncover hidden spending, waste and trend drivers by ensuring specialty medications are dispensed to support appropriate use and cost-effectiveness. For example, dose optimization, one of several clinical audit programs, has yielded employers more than \$15 million in direct intervention savings.



Employer-friendly, patient-centric

Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy is built to support the specialty pharmacy needs of your employees with care teams of pharmacists, patient care coordinators and patient financial service experts dedicated to helping patients minimize financial burden. Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy helps ease the burden on your employees by offering:

- Monthly refill reminders
- Adherence monitoring
- Proactive side effect management
- Member education to optimize therapy
- Prescription expiration notices to doctors
- 24/7 access to a pharmacist or nurse 365 days a year
- Centers of excellence model to ensure only experts in a given disease state are caring for our sickest members
- Injection training for newly prescribed members

Connected Care program is evidence-based, clinically relevant and proven to work

When your employees use Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy for their specialty pharmacy care, they receive one-on-one pharmacist and drug-specific consultations. These innovative programs encompass all diseases and have been proven to:

- Decrease health care costs²
- Reduce or delay disease progression²
- Enhance employees' quality of life

For example, our Connected Care oncology program achieved savings of \$1,374 per treatment cycle for managed patients.³

Connected Care

The Connected Care program supports patients' clinical goals and minimizes costs for all diseases, including:

- Hepatitis C
- Bleeding disorders
- Multiple sclerosis
- Cancer
- Pulmonary hypertension
- Cystic fibrosis
- Chronic inflammatory diseases

This list does not include all programs available.

Case study: A successful dose optimization intervention

Current state

A patient is prescribed Inlyta®

Directions: Take seven 1 mg tablets by mouth twice daily

The solution

Recommend switching patient to one 5 mg tablet and two 1 mg tablets of Inlyta twice daily

- Decreases pill burden for patient
- Estimated savings to employer: \$7,426 per month

Total yearly savings from one intervention: \$89,116¹

Unique, convenient benefits

Through our exclusive specialty network, your employees can receive their specialty medications delivered to their homes or workplaces, or they can choose to pick up medicine at their local Walgreens retail pharmacies.

Employees even have the choice for more personalized care digitally through multiple technology platforms, including the Walgreens app and the Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy website, **WalgreensSpecialtyRx.com**, which can save time, help your employees keep track of their specialty medications and eliminate trips to the pharmacy.

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