

Pharmacy Program Updates: Quarterly Pharmacy Changes Effective July 1, 2023

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Drug List Changes

Based on the availability of new prescription medications and Prime's National Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee's review of changes in the pharmaceuticals market, some revisions (drugs still covered but moved to a higher out-of-pocket payment level) and/or exclusions (drugs no longer covered) will be made to the BCBSOK drug lists. Your patient(s) may ask you about therapeutic or lower cost alternatives if their medication is affected by one of these changes. **Changes effective July 1, 2023, are outlined below.**

The July Quarterly Pharmacy Changes Part 2 article with more recent coverage additions will also be published closer to the July 1 effective date.

Drug List Updates (Revisions/Exclusions) – As of July 1, 2023

Non-Preferred Brand ¹	Drug Class/Condition	Preferred Alternatives ^{1, 2}
TAZORAC (tazarotene gel 0.05%, 0.1%)		There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.

Basic, Multi-Tier Basic, Enhanced and Multi-Tier Enhanced Drug Lists Revisions

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Balanced Drug List Exclusions			
Drug ¹	Drug Class/Condition	Alternatives ^{1, 2}	
ATROPINE SULFATE (atropine sulfate ophth soln 1%)	Amblyopia/ Cycloplegia	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	
CAMBIA (diclofenac potassium (migraine) packet 50 mg)	Migraine	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	
DELESTROGEN (estradiol valerate IM in oil 10 mg/ml)	Vasomotor Symptoms/ Vulvar and Vaginal Atrophy/ Hypoestrogenism/ Prostate Cancer	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	
DENAVIR (penciclovir cream 1%)	Herpes Labialis (cold sores)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	
DEXILANT (dexlansoprazole cap delayed release 30 mg, 60 mg)	Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)	omeprazole capsule, pantoprazole tablet	
dexlansoprazole cap delayed release 30 mg, 60 mg	Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)	omeprazole capsule, pantoprazole tablet	

ESBRIET (pirfenidone cap 267 mg)	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
HETLIOZ (tasimelteon capsule 20 mg)	Sleep Disorders	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
KEVEYIS (dichlorphenamide tab 50 mg)	Primary Periodic Paralysis	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
LATUDA (lurasidone hcl tab 20 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 120 mg)	Bipolar Major Depression/ Schizophrenia	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
MIRVASO (brimonidine tartrate gel 0.33% (base equivalent))	Rosacea	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
NEONATAL VITAMIN (prenatal vit w/ fe fumarate-fa tab 27-0.8 mg)	Prenatal Vitamin	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about medication(s) available for your condition.
TROKENDI XR (topiramate cap er 24hr 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg)	Epilepsy, Migraine	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.

Performance Drug List Exclusions

Drug ¹	Drug Class/Condition	Alternatives ^{1,2}
ATROPINE SULFATE (atropine sulfate ophth soln 1%)	Amblyopia/ Cycloplegia	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.

calcitriol oral soln 1 mcg/ml	Hypocalcemia associated with hypoparathyroidism/ Secondary Hyperparathyroidism in Chronic Kidney Disease	calcitriol capsule
colesevelam hcl packet for susp 3.75 gm	Hypercholesterolemia	colesevelam tablet
DELESTROGEN (estradiol valerate IM in oil 10 mg/ml)	Vasomotor Symptoms/ Vulvar and Vaginal Atrophy/ Hypoestrogenism/ Prostate Cancer	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
diltiazem hcl coated beads tab er 24hr 420 mg	Angina, Hypertension	diltiazem hcl coated beads capsule er 24 hr
doxercalciferol cap 0.5 mcg, 1 mcg, 2.5 mcg	Secondary Hyperparathyroidism	calcitriol capsule
ESBRIET (pirfenidone cap 267 mg)	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
HETLIOZ (tasimelteon capsule 20 mg)	Sleep Disorders	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
isradipine cap 2.5 mg, 5 mg	Hypertension	amlodipine besylate tablet, nifedipine tablet er 24 hr
LATUDA (lurasidone hcl tab 20 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 120 mg)	Bipolar Major Depression/ Schizophrenia	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
MIRVASO (brimonidine tartrate gel 0.33% (base equivalent))	Rosacea	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
nicardipine hcl cap 20 mg, 30 mg	Hypertension/ Angina	amlodipine besylate tablet, nifedipine tablet er 24 hr
NISOLDIPINE ER (nisoldipine tab sr 24hr 20 mg, 25.5 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg	Hypertension	amlodipine besylate tablet, nifedipine tablet er 24 hr
NITROMIST (nitroglycerin lingual aerosol 400 mcg/spray)	Angina	nitroglycerin lingual 400 mcg/spray
paricalcitol cap 1 mcg, 2 mcg, 4 mcg	Secondary Hyperparathyroidism in Chronic Kidney Disease	calcitriol capsule
sapropterin dihydrochloride (Javygtor) powder packet 100 mg, 500 mg	Phenylketonuria	sapropterin dihydrochloride powder packet

sapropterin dihydrochloride (Javygtor) tab 100 mg	Phenylketonuria	sapropterin dihydrochloride tablet
telmisartan-hydrochlorothiazide tab 40-12.5 mg, 80-12.5 mg, 80-25 mg		losartan-hydrochlorothiazide tablet, telmisartan tablet, hydrochlorothiazide tablet
TRANDOLAPRIL/VERAPAMIL HCL ER (trandolapril-verapamil hcl tab er 1-240 mg, 2-180 mg, 2- 240 mg 4-240 mg)	Hypertension	amlodipine-benazepril capsule
TROKENDI XR (topiramate cap er 24hr 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg)	Epilepsy, Migraine	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
VERAPAMIL HCL ER (verapamil hcl cap er 24hr 100 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg, 360 mg)	Arrythmia/ Hypertension/ Angina	verapamil hcl capsule er 24hr
VERELAN PM (verapamil hcl cap er 24hr 100 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg)	Arrythmia/ Hypertension/ Angina	verapamil hcl capsule er 24hr

Performance Select Drug List Exclusions

Drug ¹	Drug Class/Condition	Alternatives ^{1,2}
ATROPINE SULFATE (atropine sulfate ophth soln 1%)	Amblyopia/ Cycloplegia	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
calcitriol oral soln 1 mcg/ml	Hypocalcemia associated with hypoparathyroidism/ Secondary Hyperparathyroidism in Chronic Kidney Disease	calcitriol capsule
CAMBIA (diclofenac potassium (migraine) packet 50 mg)	Migraine	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
colesevelam hcl packet for susp 3.75 gm	Hypercholesterolemia	colesevelam tablet
DELESTROGEN (estradiol valerate IM in oil 10 mg/ml)	Vasomotor Symptoms/ Vulvar and Vaginal Atrophy/ Hypoestrogenism/ Prostate Cancer	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
DENAVIR (penciclovir cream 1%)	Herpes Labialis (cold sores)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.

DEXILANT (dexlansoprazole cap delayed release 30 mg, 60 mg)	Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)	omeprazole capsule, pantoprazole tablet
dexlansoprazole cap delayed release 30 mg, 60 mg	Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)	omeprazole capsule, pantoprazole tablet
diltiazem hcl coated beads tab er 24hr 420 mg	Angina, Hypertension	diltiazem hcl coated beads capsule er 24 hr
doxercalciferol cap 0.5 mcg, 1 mcg, 2.5 mcg	Secondary Hyperparathyroidism	calcitriol capsule
ESBRIET (pirfenidone cap 267 mg)	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
HETLIOZ (tasimelteon capsule 20 mg)	Sleep Disorders	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
isradipine cap 2.5 mg, 5 mg	Hypertension	amlodipine besylate tablet, nifedipine tablet er 24 hr
LATUDA (lurasidone hcl tab 20 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 120 mg)	Bipolar Major Depression/ Schizophrenia	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
MIRVASO (brimonidine tartrate gel 0.33% (base equivalent))	Rosacea	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
NEONATAL VITAMIN (prenatal vit w/ fe fumarate-fa tab 27-0.8 mg)	Prenatal Vitamin	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about medication(s) available for your condition.
nicardipine hcl cap 20 mg, 30 mg	Hypertension/ Angina	amlodipine besylate tablet, nifedipine tablet er 24 hr
NISOLDIPINE ER (nisoldipine tab sr 24hr 20 mg, 25.5 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg	Hypertension	amlodipine besylate tablet, nifedipine tablet er 24 hr
NITROMIST (nitroglycerin lingual aerosol 400 mcg/spray)	Angina	nitroglycerin lingual 400 mcg/spray
paricalcitol cap 1 mcg, 2 mcg, 4 mcg	Secondary Hyperparathyroidism in Chronic Kidney Disease	calcitriol capsule
sapropterin dihydrochloride (Javygtor) powder packet 100 mg, 500 mg	Phenylketonuria	sapropterin dihydrochloride powder packet
sapropterin dihydrochloride (Javygtor) tab 100 mg	Phenylketonuria	sapropterin dihydrochloride tablet

telmisartan-hydrochlorothiazide tab 40-12.5 mg, 80-12.5 mg, 80-25 mg	Hypertension	losartan-hydrochlorothiazide tablet, telmisartan tablet, hydrochlorothiazide tablet
TRANDOLAPRIL/VERAPAMIL HCL ER (trandolapril-verapamil hcl tab er 1-240 mg, 2-180 mg, 2- 240 mg 4-240 mg)	Hypertension	amlodipine-benazepril capsule
TROKENDI XR (topiramate cap er 24hr 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg)	Epilepsy, Migraine	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
VERAPAMIL HCL ER (verapamil hcl cap er 24hr 100 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg, 360 mg)	Arrythmia/ Hypertension/ Angina	verapamil hcl capsule er 24hr
VERELAN PM (verapamil hcl cap er 24hr 100 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg)	Arrythmia/ Hypertension/ Angina	verapamil hcl capsule er 24hr

Health Insurance Marketplace (HIM) Drug List Exclusions

Drug ¹	Drug Class/Condition	Alternatives ^{1,2}
calcitriol sol 1 mcg/mL	Hypocalcemia associated with hypoparathyroidism/ Secondary Hyperparathyroidism in Chronic Kidney Disease	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
DELESTROGEN - (ESTRADIOL VALERATE IM IN OIL 10 mg/ML)	Vasomotor Symptoms/ Vulvar and Vaginal Atrophy/ Hypoestrogenism/ Prostate Cancer	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
DEXILANT - (DEXLANSOPRAZOLE CAP DELAYED RELEASE 30 mg, 60 mg)	Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
doxercalciferol cap 0.5 mcg, 1 mcg, 2.5 mcg	Secondary Hyperparathyroidism	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
ESBRIET - (PIRFENIDONE CAP 267 mg)	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
HETLIOZ - (TASIMELTEON CAPSULE 20 mg)	Sleep Disorders	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.

isradipine capsule 2.5 mg, 5 mg	Hypertension	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
JAVYGTOR - (sapropterin dihydrochloride powder packet 100 mg, 500 mg)	Hyperphenylalaninemia	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
JAVYGTOR - (sapropterin dihydrochloride tab 100 mg)	Hyperphenylalaninemia	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
LATUDA - (LURASIDONE HCL TAB 20 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 120 mg)	Bipolar Major Depression/ Schizophrenia	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
MIRVASO - (BRIMONIDINE TARTRATE GEL 0.33% (BASE EQUIVALENT))	Rosacea	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
nicardipine capsule 20 mg, 30 mg	Hypertension/ Angina	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
paricalcitol cap 1 mcg, 2 mcg, 4 mcg	Secondary Hyperparathyroidism in Chronic Kidney Disease	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.
	Hypertension/ Angina/ Atrial Fibrillation/ Atrial Flutter/ Superventricular Tachycardia	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.

Drug List Updates (Tier Changes) – As of July 1, 2023

The drug changes listed below apply to members on a managed drug list. Members may pay more for these drugs after July 1, 2023.

Balanced Drug List Tier Changes			
Drug ¹	Alternative(s) ^{1,2}	Drug Class/Condition	
ALLZITAL (butalbital- acetaminophen tab 25-325 mg)	butalbital-acetaminophen tablet 50-325 mg, butalbital/aspirin/caffeine tablet	Tension Headache	
BUTALBITAL/ACETAMINOPHE N (butalbital-acetaminophen tab 25-325 mg)	butalbital-acetaminophen tablet 50-325 mg, butalbital/aspirin/caffeine tablet	Tension Headache	
NP THYROID (thyroid tab 15 mg (1/4 grain)), (thyroid tab 30 mg (1/2 grain)), (thyroid tab 60 mg (1 grain)), (thyroid tab 90 mg (1 1/2 grain)), (thyroid tab 120 mg (2 grain))	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about medication(s) available for your condition.	Hypothyroidism	

QUINAPRIL/HYDROCHLOROT	lisinopril/hydrochlorothiazide	Hypertension
HIA ZIDE (quinapril-	tablets, quinapril tablets,	
hydrochlorothiazide tab 20-	hydrochlorothiazide tablets	
12.5 mg, 20-25 mg)		

Performance Drug List Tier Changes				
Drug ¹	Alternative(s) ^{1,2}	Drug Class/Condition		
NP THYROID (thyroid tab 15 mg (1/4 grain)), (thyroid tab 30 mg (1/2 grain)), (thyroid tab 60 mg (1 grain)), (thyroid tab 90 mg (1 1/2 grain)), (thyroid tab 120 mg (2 grain))	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about medication(s) available for your condition.	Hypothyroidism		
QUINAPRIL/HYDROCHLOROT HIA ZIDE (quinapril- hydrochlorothiazide tab 20- 12.5 mg, 20-25 mg)	lisinopril/hydrochlorothiazide tablets, quinapril tablets, hydrochlorothiazide tablets	Hypertension		

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NP THYROID (thyroid tab 15 mg (1/4 grain)), (thyroid tab 30 mg (1/2 grain)), (thyroid tab 60 mg (1 grain)), (thyroid tab 90 mg (1 1/2 grain)), (thyroid tab 120 mg (2 grain))	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about medication(s) available for your condition.	Hypothyroidism		
QUINAPRIL/HYDROCHLOROT HIA ZIDE (quinapril- hydrochlorothiazide tab 20- 12.5 mg, 20-25 mg)	lisinopril/hydrochlorothiazide tablets, quinapril tablets, hydrochlorothiazide tablets	Hypertension		

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Health Insurance Marketplace (HIM) Drug List Tier Changes

Drug ¹	Alternatives ^{1, 2}	Drug Class/Condition			
HETLIOZ LQ (tasimelteon susp 4 mg/mL)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Sleep Disorders			
QUANPRIL/HCTZ (QUINAPRIL- HYDROCHLOROTHIAZI DE TAB 20-12.5 MG, 20- 25 MG)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Hypertension			
REVCOVI (elapegademase-lvlr IM soln 2.4 mg/1.5 mL (1.6 mg/mL)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Adenosine Deaminase Severe Combined Immune Deficiency			
SYNRIBO (omacetaxine mepesuccinate for INJ 3.5 mg)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Cancer			

tasimelteon capsule 20	Please talk to your doctor or	Sleep Disorders
mg	pharmacist about other medication(s)	
	available for your condition.	

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²This list is not all inclusive. Other medicines may be available in this drug class.

Utilization Management Program Changes

Prior Authorization (PA) Program Changes

Several drug categories and/or targeted medications will be added to the PA programs for standard pharmacy benefit plans. This includes ASO groups with a standard UM package and/or subcategory selection with auto updates. For groups that have not selected the auto update, these programs will be available to be added to their benefit design as of the program effective date.

Remember: the PA programs for standard pharmacy benefit plans correlate to a member's drug list. Not all standard PA programs may apply based on the member's current drug list. A list of PA programs per drug list is posted on the member pharmacy programs section of BCBSOK.com. Members were notified about the PA standard program changes listed in the table below.

Drug categories or targets added to current pharmacy PA standard programs, effective July 1, 2023, are listed below.

Balanced, Basic, Enhanced, Multi-Tier Basic, Multi-Tier Enhanced, Performance, and Performance Select Drug Lists, Health Insurance Marketplace (HIM) Drug List

Drug Category	Targeted Medication(s) ¹
Therapeutic Alternatives PAQL	Tobi Podhaler 28 mg (tobramycin inhal cap)

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Other Pharmacy Prior Authorization (PA) or Step Therapy (ST) Standard Program Updates

Effective Date	Program Name	Description of Change	Drug Lists	Program Type
July 1, 2023	Atypical Antipsychotics STQL	Adding target drug Latuda	Balanced, Basic, Enhanced, HIM, Performance, Performance Select	Step Therapy
July 1, 2023	Furoscix PAQL	New program with drug target Furoscix (furosemide) 80mg/ 10 mL subcutaneous cartridge kit	Balanced, Basic, Basic Annual, Enhanced, Enhanced Annual, HIM, Performance, Performance Annual, Performance Select	Prior Authorization
July 1, 2023	Hetlioz PAQL	Program changing to Prior Authorization Specialty	Balanced, Basic, Basic Annual, Enhanced, Enhanced	Prior Authorization Specialty

			Annual, HIM, Performance, Performance Annual, Performance Select	
July 1, 2023	Northera PAQL	Program changing to Prior Authorization Specialty	Balanced, Basic, Basic Annual, Enhanced, Enhanced Annual, HIM, Performance, Performance Annual, Performance Select	Prior Authorization Specialty
June 1, 2023	Relyvrio PAQL	New program with target Relyvrio (sodium Phenylbutyrate- taurursodiol) powd pack	Balanced, Basic, Basic Annual, Enhanced, Enhanced Annual, HIM, Performance, Performance Annual, Performance Select	Prior Authorization Specialty
July 1, 2023	Tezspire PAQL	New program with drug target Tezspire (tezepelumab) inj 210 mg	Balanced, Basic, Basic Annual, Enhanced, Enhanced Annual, HIM, Performance, Performance Annual, Performance Select	Prior Authorization Specialty

View the most up-to-date drug list and list of drug dispensing limits on www.BCBSOK.com/rx-drugs/drug-lists/drug-lists

Change in Benefit Coverage for Select High-Cost Products

Several high-cost products with available lower cost alternatives will be excluded on the pharmacy benefit for select drug lists. This change impacts BCBSOK members who have prescription-drug benefits administered by Prime Therapeutics[†]. This change is part of an ongoing effort to make sure our members and employer groups have access to safe, cost-effective medications.

Please note: Members were not notified of this change because either there is no utilization or the pharmacist can easily fill a member's prescription with the equivalent without needing a new prescription from the doctor. The following drugs are excluded on select drug lists.

Product(s) No Longer Covered ¹ *	Condition	Covered Alternative(s) ^{1,2}
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Introducing MyBlueRxOK– A New Mobile Pharmacy App

Submitted by: Karolyn Farkas

What's new: MyBlueRxOK is a personalized, digital pharmacy app where members can easily access, understand and manage their prescription-drug care and out-of-pocket costs.

How it works: The app lists current information about prescription drugs and pharmacy benefits, and helps members do the following:

- Find available lower-cost drug options
- Compare drug costs at different pharmacies
- Manage prescription-drug care for dependents (dependents over age 18 can activate their own account)
- Receive refill reminder alerts
- Access information about their prescription drugs including claims history, medication details, coverage, clinical review approvals and more
- Search for and contact in-network pharmacies

The MyBlueRxOK app is available for most commercial group plan members with pharmacy benefits administered by Prime Therapeutics[®]. Members can download the free app from the App Store or Google Play. If they already have a Blue Access for MembersSM account, they can use the same credentials to log in, or create a new account.

Coverage Change for OTC COVID-19 Test Kits after May 11

Once the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) expires on May 11, 2023, there will be a change in coverage for over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 home test kits. Most BCBSOK commercial plan members will no longer have coverage for these test kits under their pharmacy benefit. This includes members on an individual and family markets plan and both fully insured and ASO group plans. Some ASO groups may have opted in to continue covering these OTC COVID-19 test kits under the pharmacy benefit.

[†]Prime Therapeutics LLC is a pharmacy benefit management company. BCBSOK contracts with Prime to provide pharmacy benefit management and related other services. BCBSOK, as well as several independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans, has an ownership interest in Prime. MyPrime.com is an online resource offered by Prime Therapeutics.

The information mentioned here is for informational purposes only and is not a substitute for the independent medical judgment of a physician. Physicians are to exercise their own medical judgment. Pharmacy benefits and limits are subject to the terms set forth in the member's certificate of coverage which may vary from the limits set forth above. The listing of any drug or classification of drugs is not a guarantee of benefits. Members should refer to their certificate of coverage for more details, including benefits, limitations and exclusions. Regardless of benefits, the final decision about any medication is between the member and their health care provider.