

Part D Conditions and Limitations Drug Exclusions

By law, certain types of drugs or categories of drugs are **not** covered by Medicare Prescription Drug Plans. These drugs or categories of drugs are called “exclusions” and include;

- Nonprescription drugs, unless they are part of a step therapy
- Drugs when used for anorexia, weight loss, or weight gain
- Drugs when used to promote fertility or, in some cases, sexual dysfunction
- Drugs when used for cosmetic purposes or hair growth
- Drugs when used for the symptomatic relief of cough or colds
- Prescription vitamins and mineral products, except prenatal vitamins and fluoride preparations
- Outpatient drugs for which the manufacturer seeks to require that associated tests or monitoring services be purchased exclusively from the manufacturer as a condition of sale
- Barbiturates*
- Benzodiazepines*

* **Please Note:** Some Part D prescription drug plans may offer drugs beyond the government’s standard benefit. For example, some of our plans offer coverage of two classes of generic drugs – benzodiazepines and barbiturates - drugs beyond what Medicare covers¹. Please see the “Compare” section of our website or our Summary of Benefits for more details on which of our plans cover benzodiazepines and barbiturates.

In addition, a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan cannot cover a drug if the drug would be available under Medicare Part A or Part B. See your *Medicare & You* Handbook for more information about drugs that are covered by Medicare Part A and Part B. Some drugs are covered under Medicare Part B in some cases and under your Part D prescription drug plan in other cases. In general, your pharmacist will determine whether to bill Medicare Part B or your Part D prescription drug plan for the drug in question.

¹ *Barbiturates and benzodiazepines are covered before any applicable deductible. During the coverage gap you will continue to pay the generic drug co-payment. Co-payments and coinsurance amounts for these drugs **will not apply** toward your annual out-of-pocket costs that help satisfy the coverage gap.*