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Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts is an Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

Dear Valued Customer:

Welcome to a special edition of our *Important Administrative Information* newsletter.
This edition will discuss:

- Changes to Our Specialty Pharmacy Network
- Upcoming Changes to the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Formulary, Effective May 1, 2020
- Upcoming Changes to the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Formulary, Effective July 1, 2020

As always, if you have any questions, please contact your account executive.

Sincerely,



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Changes to Our Specialty Pharmacy Network

- ✔ Small accounts (50 or fewer enrolled)
- ✔ Mid-size (51–99 enrolled)
- ✔ Large (100 or more enrolled)
- ✔ Municipal
- ✔ MIIA

Effective March 31, 2020, BriovaRx[®] will be leaving our specialty pharmacy network. This change applies to the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts formulary, and the National Preferred Formulary (NPF). This does not affect members who have Medicare Advantage with a Part D prescription drug plan; they can continue to use BriovaRx without interruption.

Unless they have Medicare Advantage with a Part D plan, members will no longer be covered for specialty medications purchased through BriovaRx. We'll contact members who fill their prescriptions at BriovaRx to let them know that the pharmacy has left our network, and help them transition to an in-network specialty pharmacy.

Specialty pharmacies provide specialty medications that are used to treat certain complex health conditions. For more information about specialty medications, use the Medication Lookup tool at bluecrossma.com/medications.



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Upcoming Changes to the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Formulary, Effective May 1, 2020

- ✔ Small accounts (50 or fewer enrolled)
- ✔ Mid-size (51–99 enrolled)
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- ✔ MIIA

Beginning May 1, 2020, we're updating our formulary (list of covered medications) for medical plans with pharmacy benefits, as well as Medex® plans with a three-tier pharmacy benefit. As part of these updates, certain medications may:

- No longer be covered (exceptions may be granted)

Medications No Longer Covered Starting May 1, 2020

After carefully reviewing each medication's cost and covered alternatives, we've removed the medications listed in the table below from our list of covered medications. However, a doctor may request an exception if these medications are medically necessary. If the exception is approved, the member will pay the highest-tier cost.

Medication Class	Medication Name	Covered Alternative
Acne (topical)	Retin-A cream	Tretinoin cream
Antidepressants	Fluoxetine tablets Venlafaxine ER tablets	Fluoxetine capsules Venlafaxine ER capsules
Antineoplastics	Arimidex Aromasin Gleevec	Anastrozole Exemestane Imatinib
Diabetes	Invokamet Invokamet XR Invokana	Farxiga Jardiance Synjardy Synjardy XR Xigduo XR
Migraine	Imitrex 6mg/0.5ml injection	Sumatriptan 6mg/0.5ml injection
Ophthalmic combinations	Tobradex Zylet	Neomycin/Bacitracin/Polymyxin B/ Hydrocortisone, Neomycin/Polymyxin B/Dexamethasone, Neomycin/Polymyxin B/Hydrocortisone, Sulfacetamide/Prednisolone, Tobramycin/Dexamethasone



Questions?

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Upcoming Changes to the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Formulary, Effective July 1, 2020

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Beginning July 1, 2020, we're updating our formulary (list of covered medications) for medical plans with pharmacy benefits, as well as Medex® plans with a three-tier pharmacy benefit. As part of these updates, certain medications may:

- No longer be covered (exceptions may be granted)
- Be excluded from coverage (exceptions won't be granted)
- Have new quantity or dosing limits
- Require step therapy



Questions?

Complete details about these changes will be available by April 24, 2020, on bluecrossma.com/employer in the Plan Updates section under **What's New**. If you have any questions, please contact your account executive.

