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We're adding more drugs to our Preferred Drug (formulary), Precertification and Step-Therapy lists, effective July 1, 2014

On July 1, 2014, Aetna Pharmacy Management (APM) will update the Preferred Drug (formulary) List. At that time, drug coverage reviews like precertification and step therapy will also begin to apply to some drugs for members in Aetna Commercial fully-insured plans with precertification and step-therapy edits. We will send general mid-year formulary change [letters to your clients](#) and will send a follow-up letter regarding communications sent to impacted members.

We wanted you to be aware, in case your clients call you. Please review the pharmacy changes in the sample letter linked above.

Why we apply precertification and step therapy

These drug coverage reviews help us to determine whether or not we can cover certain drugs. We add drugs to these lists based on certain criteria, in order to:

- Make sure these drugs are used safely
- Help members save money, when possible

If a member has a medical need for a drug that applies to one of these reviews, his/her prescribing doctor can ask us for a medical exception. If approved, we'll cover the drug at the copay that applies under the member's plan.

Note: The Preferred Drug (formulary), Precertification, and Step-therapy lists may change. For the most current list, please tell your clients to go to www.aetna.com/formulary. Or, have them call the toll-free number on their member ID card.

Contact us for more information

Please call your Brown & Brown account manager with questions or for more information.

These changes do not apply to commercial fully-insured members in Texas (except Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan members).

These changes will apply to commercial fully-insured members in Louisiana (except Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan members) effective on plan renewal on or after August 1, 2014. In accordance with state law, commercial fully-insured members in Louisiana (except Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan members) who are receiving coverage for medications that are added or removed from the Preferred Drug List, Precertification, Quantity Limits or Step-Therapy Lists during the plan year will continue to have those medications covered at the same benefit level until their plan's renewal date.

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The drugs on the Preferred Drug List, Precertification, and Step Therapy Lists are subject to change. The step therapy drug coverage review program is not available in all service areas. For example, step therapy programs do not apply to fully-insured members in Indiana. Step therapy does not apply to fully-insured members in New Jersey. However, these programs are available to self-funded plans.

In accordance with state law, fully-insured Commercial California HMO members (except Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan members) who are receiving coverage for medications that are added to the Precertification or Step-therapy Lists will continue to have those medications covered, for as long as the treating physician continues prescribing them, provided that the drug is appropriately prescribed and is considered safe and effective for treating the enrollee's medical condition. In accordance with state law, fully-insured Commercial Connecticut PPO members (except Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan members) who are receiving coverage for medications that are added to the Precertification or Step-therapy Lists will continue to have those medications covered for as long as the treating physician prescribes them, provided the drug is medically necessary and more medically beneficial than other covered drugs. Nothing in this section shall preclude the prescribing provider from prescribing another drug covered by the plan that is medically appropriate for the enrollee, nor shall anything in this section be construed to prohibit generic drug substitutions.

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