

To: Pharmacy Network
From: IEHP Pharmaceutical Services Department
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Subject: Important Prescription Drug Benefit Update for 2026

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has implemented new rules that will affect member out-of-pocket costs for prescriptions. Due to these changes, nominal pharmacy co-pays are expected for most of our members.

Additionally, medications that were previously covered may be rejected due to changes to our formulary. If a member's claim is rejected:

1. Review the reason for rejection such as, the drug is no longer on our formulary, or the drug has new quantity limits.
2. Refer to our [January 2026 – IEHP DualChoice \(HMO D-SNP\) Formulary Book](#) for covered drugs and limits. You can also view the formulary on the provider website at: www.providerservices.iehp.org > Pharmacy > Formulary > IEHP DualChoice (HMO D-SNP)
3. If formulary drugs are not appropriate, send a request to the member's prescriber to submit a prior authorization to IEHP.

Here are some ways you can help our members save money on their prescription drug costs:

- A 100-day supply copay is the same cost as a one-month (31-day) supply.
- Encourage the member to switch to generic drugs instead of brand-name drugs.
- Notify the member of any combination drugs to reduce the number of co-pays.

Please see the table below of common medications and their 2026 formulary alternatives:

2025 Formulary Drug Name	2026 Formulary Alternative
LifeScan (OneTouch products)	Ascensia (Contour Plus), Abbott (Freestyle Precision Neo)
Basaglar Kwikpen U-100	Lantus
Insulin Lispro Kwikpen U-100	Insulin Aspart, Novolog
Steglatro	Farxiga, Jardiance
Invokana	Farxiga, Jardiance
Insulin Lispro	Insulin Aspart, Novolog
Incruse Ellipta	Tiotropium, Spiriva, Atrovent
Humulin R	Novolin R
Aimovig Autoinjector	Emgality, Nurtec ODT, Qulipta
Basaglar Kwikpen U-100	Lantus
Insulin Lispro Kwikpen U-100	Insulin Aspart, Novolog

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