# 2026 Part D Model Transition Letter

[*Instructions: This model should be used to notify members within 3 business days after adjudication of the first temporary fill that they have received a transition supply of a drug because the Part D transition requirements apply. Plans should include all appropriate explanation(s) for the limited coverage from the choices below. The sponsor may replace <Plan name> with either “the Plan”, “our Plan”, or “your plan” throughout the notice. The sponsor should use the term “compound” in <prescription drug(s)> or <name of drug> when a transition supply applies to a compound.]*

## YOUR DRUG(S) IS NOT ON OUR LIST OF COVERED DRUGS (FORMULARY)

## OR IS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITS

<DATE>

<MEMBER NAME>

<ADDRESS>

<CITY, STATE ZIP>

Dear <MEMBER NAME>:

[*Insert* <Plan Name>] has provided you with a **temporary supply** of the following prescription(s): [*Insert* < prescription drug(s) >.] <PLAN NAME> is required to provide you with a temporary supply of this drugs[s].

<This/these> drug(s) <is/are> either not included on our list of covered drugs (called our formulary), or [it is/they are] included on the formulary but subject to certain limits, as described below. If your prescription is written for fewer than *[Insert number of days that corresponds to the number of days designated as a month’s supply in approved plan benefit package]* days, we’ll allow multiple fills to provide up to a maximum of *[Insert supply limit - must be at least a one month supply based on approved plan benefit package]* of medication.

**Before you run out of this drug(s)**, you should speak to [*Insert* <Plan Name>] and/or your prescriber about:

* changing the drug(s) to another drug(s) that is on our formulary; or
* requesting approval for the drug(s) by demonstrating that you meet our coverage rules; or
* requesting an exception from our coverage rules.

When you request approval for coverage or an exception from coverage rules, these are called coverage determinations.

You can ask us for a coverage determination at any time. If you need assistance in requesting a coverage determination, including an exception, or if you want more information about this temporary supply, contact [*Insert one* <CUSTOMER/MEMBER SERVICE>] at [*Insert* <toll free phone number> (TTY/TDD users should call <TTY/TDD number>). Live representatives are available from [*Insert* <days/hours of operation>.] You can also visit our website at <WEB ADDRESS>. Don’t assume that any coverage determination, including any exception, you have requested or appealed has been approved just because you receive more fills of a drug. If we approve your coverage request, we’ll send you another written notice.

More information on how to change your current prescription(s), how to ask for a coverage determination, including an exception, and how to appeal a denial if you disagree with our coverage determination are discussed at the end of this letter.

The following is a specific explanation of why your drug(s) <is/are> not covered or <is/are> limited.

[**Note:** Plans may include information about multiple temporary supplies in the same notice.]

[**Name of Drug**: <name of drug>

**Date Filled**: <date filled>

**Reason for Notification**: This drug is not on our formulary. [*Insert where applicable* < In addition, a prior exception you received for coverage of this drug has recently expired.>] We will not continue to pay for this drug after you have received the maximum [*Insert number- must be at least a one month supply based on approved plan benefit package*] days’ temporary supply that we are required to cover, unless you obtain [*Insert as applicable* <a> OR <an additional>] formulary exception from us.]

[**Name of Drug**: <name of drug>

**Date Filled**: <date filled>

**Reason for Notification**: This drug is not on our formulary. In addition, we could not provide the full amount that was prescribed, because we limit the amount of this drug that we provide at one time. This is called a quantity limit and we impose such limits for safety reasons. In addition to imposing quantity limits as this drug is dispensed for safety reasons, we will not continue to pay for this drug after you have received the maximum [*Insert number- must be at least a one month supply based on approved plan benefit package*] days’ supply that we are required to cover unless you obtain a formulary exception from [*Insert* <plan name>.]

[**Name of Drug**: <name of drug>

**Date Filled**: <date filled>

Reason for Notification: This drug is on our formulary, but requires prior authorization. Unless you obtain prior authorization from us by showing us that you meet our coverage rules , or we approve your request for an exception to the prior authorization requirements, we will not continue to pay for this drug after you have received the maximum [*Insert number - must be at least a one month supply based on approved plan benefit package*] days’ temporary supply that we are required to cover.]

[**Name of Drug**: <name of drug>

**Date Filled**: <date filled>

**Reason for Notification**: This drug is on our formulary. However, we will generally only pay for this drug if you first try other drug(s), specifically [*Insert* <step therapy drug(s)>] as part of what we call a step therapy program. Step therapy is the practice of beginning drug therapy with what we consider to be a safe, effective, and lower cost drug before progressing to other more costly drugs. Unless you try the other drug(s) on our formulary first, or we approve your request for an exception to the step therapy requirement, we will not continue to pay for this drug after you have received the maximum [*Insert number - must be at least a one month supply based on approved plan benefit package*] days’ temporary supply that we are required to cover.]]

[**Name of Drug**: <name of drug>

**Date Filled**: <date filled>

**Reason for Notification**: This drug is on our formulary. However, we will generally only pay for this drug if you first try a generic version of this drug. Unless you try the generic drug on our formulary first, or we approve your request for an exception, we will not continue to pay for this drug after you have received the maximum [*Insert number - must be at least a one month supply based on approved plan benefit package*] days’ temporary supply that we are required to cover.]

[**Name of Drug**: <name of drug>

Date Filled: <date filled>

Reason for Notification: This drug is on our formulary, but is subject to a quantity limit (QL). We will not continue to provide more than what our quantity limit permits, which is <QUANTITY LIMIT>, unless you obtain an exception from <PLAN NAME>.]

[**Note**: The following choices are for Emergency Fill and Level of Care Change and are optional. However, we encourage plans to notify members of Emergency Fill and Level of Care Change temporary supplies.]

[**Name of Drug**: <name of drug>

**Date Filled**: <date filled>

**Reason for Notification**: This drug is not on our formulary. We will cover this drug for [*Insert number - must be at least a one month supply based on approved plan benefit package*] while you seek to obtain a formulary exception from <PLAN NAME>. If you are in the process of seeking an exception, we will consider allowing continued coverage until a decision is made.]

[**Name of Drug**: <name of drug>

Date Filled: <date filled>

Reason for Notification: This drug is on our formulary, but requires prior authorization (PA). We will cover this drug for [*Insert number - must be at least a one month supply based on approved plan benefit package*] while you seek to obtain coverage by showing us that you meet the prior authorization requirements. You can also ask us for an exception to the prior authorization requirements if you believe they should not apply to you for medical reasons.]

[**Name of Drug**: <name of drug>

**Date Filled**: <date filled>

**Reason for Notification**: This drug is on our formulary, but will generally be covered only if you first try certain other drugs as part of our step therapy program. Step therapy is the practice of beginning drug therapy with what we consider to be a safe and effective, lower cost drug before progressing to other more costly drugs. We will cover this drug for [*Insert number - must be at least a one month supply based on approved plan benefit package*] while you seek to obtain coverage by showing us that you meet the step therapy criteria. You can also ask us for an exception to the step therapy requirement if you believe it should not apply to you for medical reasons.]

How do I change my prescription?

If your drug(s) <is/are> not on our formulary, or is on our formulary but we have placed a limit on it, then you can ask us what other drug(s) on our formulary <is/are> used to treat your medical condition. You can ask us to approve coverage by showing that you meet our coverage rules or ask us for an exception. Ask your prescriber if this other drug(s) that we cover is an option for you. You have the right to request an exception from us to cover your drug(s) that <was/were> originally prescribed. If you ask for an exception, your prescriber will need to provide us with a statement explaining why a prior authorization, quantity limit, or other limit we have placed on your drug is not medically appropriate for you.

How do I request a coverage determination, including an exception?

You, your representative, or your prescriber may contact us to request a coverage determination, including an exception to our coverage rules. [*Insert* <ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, and FAX NUMBER >] If you are requesting coverage of a drug that is not on our formulary, or an exception to a coverage rule, your prescriber must provide a statement supporting your request. It may be helpful to bring this notice with you to the prescriber or send a copy to their office. If the exception request involves a drug that is not on our formulary, the prescriber’s statement must indicate that the requested drug is medically necessary for treating your condition, because all of the drugs on our formulary would be less effective as the requested drug or would have adverse effects for you. If the exception request involves a prior authorization or other coverage rule we have placed on a drug that is on our formulary, the prescriber’s statement must indicate that the coverage rule wouldn’t be appropriate for you given your condition or would have adverse effects for you.

If your request is expedited, we must notify you of our decision no later than 24 hours from receiving your request. For a standard request, we must notify you of our decision within 72 hours. For an exception request, the timeframe for notifying you of our decision begins when we obtain your prescriber’s statement. Your request will be expedited if we determine or your prescriber tells us, that your life, health, or ability to regain maximum function may be seriously jeopardized by waiting for a standard decision.

What if my coverage request is denied?

If your coverage request is denied, you have the right to appeal, which is called a redetermination. You must appeal within 65 calendar days from the date of our written decision on your coverage determination. [*Insert one:* <You must file a standard request in writing.> OR <We accept standard requests by phone and in writing.> We accept expedited requests by phone and in writing. [*Insert* <ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, and FAX NUMBER]

Sincerely,

<PLAN REPRESENTATIVE>

*[Pursuant to 42 CFR §423.2267, applicable disclaimers must be included in this letter.]*