

Drug Manufacturer Savings Card Program Changes

Affecting specialty drugs for Medica members

Commercial plan members who use a drug manufacturer savings card to help pay for their specialty drugs filled through a specialty pharmacy will experience a change in the way the savings apply to their plan. This change was implemented for Medica individual and family business (IFB) members as of July 1, 2017.

(BACKGROUND)

Question: What is a drug manufacturer savings card?

Answer: Drug manufacturer savings cards (savings card), or copay assistance cards, are offered by drug companies to help people pay for their prescription drugs. This helps members afford the medications their doctors prescribe. Sometimes a savings card is called a drug copay coupon, copay assistance card, discount card or drug rebate card.

Question: When does this change go into effect?

Answer: Starting Jan. 1, 2018, when a Commercial plan member uses a drug manufacturer savings card (savings card) to help pay for their specialty drug, only the amount the member actually pays for their specialty drug, not the value of the savings card that helped pay their portion of their specialty drug copay/coinsurance, will apply to the member's plan deductible and/or out-of-pocket maximum.

Question: Why is Medica making this change?

Answer: Medica is adjusting our process so that members receive credit only for what they have paid out of pocket rather than what the drug manufacturer has paid, or reimbursed, for a specialty drug. Members may still receive copay help from the drug manufacturer when using a drug manufacturer savings card.

Question: What types of drugs are affected by this change?

Answer: Specialty drugs listed on Medica's Specialty Drug List that are filled through a specialty pharmacy and linked to drug manufacturer savings card programs are affected. [View Medica's Specialty Drug List »](#)



Question: Can members continue using a drug manufacturer savings card?

Answer: Yes, members may continue using these cards indefinitely to help them pay for their prescription. However, the amount the member saved using the card will not apply to the member's deductible or out-of-pocket maximum.

Question: How does a member know what their deductible or out-of-pocket maximum is?

Answer: A Commercial plan member may see their deductible and out-of-pocket maximum and the amounts applied toward them on mymedica.com (under "Claims & Accounts").

Question: Why does the drug manufacturer savings card (savings card) amount not apply to a member's deductible when it did immediately after the claim was processed?

Answer: Due to software limitations, it may appear that the copay assistance amount provided by a savings card applies to a member's deductible and/or out-of-pocket- maximum. After, members will notice the amounts paid by the savings card will be subtracted from these totals.