



April 25, 2018

**Re: Drug formulary update for Copaxone injectable medication, effective July 1, 2018**

Effective July 1, 2018, we will remove brand name Copaxone® from our formulary and offer generic Copaxone or alternative clinically equivalent drugs commonly used to treat multiple sclerosis.

**What this means to you and your patients with Cigna coverage**

We have identified one or more of your patients with a Cigna pharmacy benefit who has been prescribed Copaxone. In April 2018, we will send letters to affected customers to explain the change and outline the alternative covered drugs. In those customer letters, we will highlight the identical FDA approved generic drugs (Glatopa® and glatiramer acetate), as the preferred alternative to Copaxone. Please note that customers who continue to fill a prescription for brand name Copaxone on or after July 1, 2018, will experience higher out-of-pocket costs.\*

**Preferred generic alternatives**

At the customer's next time of refill, beginning July 1, 2018, Cigna Specialty Pharmacy will fill current prescriptions for Copaxone with a generic alternative. A new prescription or prior authorization will *not* be required.

Your patients may also contact you directly to discuss clinically appropriate alternatives. Providers are encouraged to discuss switching customers to the preferred alternative generic injectable drugs that are being added to our formulary, Glatopa and glatiramer acetate, which do *not* require prior authorization.

**Preferred brand name alternatives**

We will add several alternative preferred brand name drugs to our formulary that can be used to treat multiple sclerosis. However, please note that prior authorization *is* required for these preferred brand name drugs, and should be submitted prior to July 1, 2018.

- Preferred brand name injectable drugs: Betaseron®, Extavia®, Plegridy®, Rebif®, and Avonex®
- Preferred brand name oral medications: Tecfidera®, Gilenya®, and Aubagio®

**Prior authorization process**

If prior authorization is required, you can submit requests and track their status through the Cigna PromptPA™ website using any browser. Registration or log in information is not required to use the website. Please visit the Cigna PromptPA website to get started (Cigna.promptpa.com > Provider > New Prior Authorization).

**Additional information**

The following resources, both located on our Cigna for Health Care Professionals website (CignaforHCP.com), are available to search for alternative drugs for your patients:

\* Drugs removed from formularies can be considered for coverage through our medical necessity review process unless otherwise excluded by a benefit plan.

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Resource	Description	Where to find
<b>Prescription drug list changes for July 2018</b>	This list highlights the covered preferred brand name and generic drugs within affected drug classes.	Go to <a href="http://CignaforHCP.com">CignaforHCP.com</a> > Resources > Pharmacy Resources > Cigna's Prescription Drug Lists > 2018 Prescription Drug List Changes.  <i>You do <b>not</b> need to be a registered user of the website to access this list.</i>
<b>Customer-specific drug coverage search tool</b>	This tool allows you to search specific drug lists for customers with Cigna coverage, and view the customer's estimated out-of-pocket costs based on their plan benefits.	<b>Log in to <a href="http://CignaforHCP.com">CignaforHCP.com</a>.</b> Then, perform a patient search by name, Cigna ID number, or date of birth.  <i>You <b>must</b> be a registered user of the website to use this tool.</i>

If you have questions about these changes, please call Cigna Customer Service at 1.800.88Cigna (882.4462).

Thank you for your shared commitment to help our customers better manage their medication therapies and improve their health outcomes.

Sincerely,



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