

# Pharmacy Program Benefit Changes, Effective Jan. 1, 2015

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT) will be implementing pharmacy benefit changes as of Jan. 1, 2015, for some members with prescription drug benefits administered through Prime Therapeutics.\*

Based on claims data, letters will be sent from BCBSMT to alert members who may be taking, or who may have been prescribed, a medication that may be affected by the 2015 pharmacy benefit changes. A summary of the changes, as outlined in the member letters, is included below for your reference.

**Day Supply Limit Change** – Benefits for covered medications are changing from a 34-day supply to a 30-day supply for prescriptions filled at retail pharmacies.

**Medication Coverage Exclusions** – Non-sedating antihistamines and compound medications will no longer be covered under the prescription drug benefit.

**Prescription Drug Coverage Change** – Glucose meters & control systems and insulin pump supplies will be covered under the member's medical benefit and will no longer be covered under the prescription drug benefit.

If your patients have questions about their prescription drug benefits, please advise them to contact the number on their member ID card. Members also may visit <https://www.bcbsmt.com/Pages/member.aspx> to log in to Blue Access for Members<sup>SM</sup> for a variety of online resources.

\*Changes may be applied for some members, if applicable, based on their employer's 2015 group plan renewal, or new plan effective date.

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The information mentioned here is for informational purposes only and is not a substitute for the independent medical judgment of a physician. Physicians are instructed to exercise their own medical judgment. Pharmacy benefits and limits are subject to the terms set forth in the member's certificate of coverage which may vary from the limits set forth above. The listing of any particular drug or classification of drugs is not a guarantee of benefits. Members should refer to their certificate of coverage for more details, including benefits, limitations and exclusions. Regardless of benefits, the final decision about any medication is between the member and their health care provider.