



Prescriber frequently asked questions on Renvela formulary change

1. Q: Is the generic Renvela medication (sevelamer) being covered at the pharmacy?

A: No. Effective April 2 2016, Humana will not cover generic Renvela. Brand-name Renvela can be filled for members without a prior authorization.

2. Q: Does this change apply to the commercial and Medicare lines of business?

A: Yes. Brand-name Renvela is preferred in both the commercial and Medicare lines of business. Generic Renvela will not be covered in either area.

3. Q: Why isn't sevelamer covered?

A: The market price of generic drugs is usually the same price of the brand when it first comes to market.

4. Q: Can I request an exception for sevelamer?

A: Yes, but the cost for sevelamer may be the same as or higher than brand-name Renvela.

5. Q: Is generic sevelamer ever going to be covered?

A: Yes, Humana will cover sevelamer once the price drops and it becomes less expensive than brand-name Renvela. We anticipate this will occur in 2017, at that time, it is likely that Humana will drop brand-name Renvela from its formulary. Humana will make every effort to ensure members have formulary access to the lowest-cost drug, whether it is brand or generic.

6. Q: Who do I call if I have additional questions about this formulary change?

A: Prescribers with questions regarding this change may call 1-800-555-CLIN (1-800-555-2546), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time.