

Open Enrollment Ends September 30, 2022

If you have not made your benefit elections for the new plan year please see your Human Resource representative immediately. The annual open enrollment period ends September 30, 2022. Benefit changes, new enrollments, or dropped coverage requested after this date will not be accepted. Benefit elections for the new plan year are irrevocable until the next open enrollment period unless there is a qualifying life event. During this open enrollment, it is imperative you provide legible and complete information, including dependents' Social Security numbers, for all programs in which you enroll.

Quick Reference Source

Egyptian Trust

View information about the Egyptian Trust programs including Schedules of Benefits, Plan Comparisons, Enrollment Guide, forms, newsletters and more at <u>www.egtrust.org</u>.

Health Claims - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL)

Securely view claims, locate network providers, request ID cards, and more on Blue Access for Members (BAM) at https://www.bcbsil.com. For additional assistance, please contact a Benefits Value Advisor (BVA) at 1-855-686-8517.

Prescription Drug Program - Prime Therapeutics

Securely view prescription drug claims history and more on <u>www.myprime.com</u>. You may also access the site by logging in to Blue Access for Members (BAM) at <u>https://www.bcbsil.com</u> and selecting "Prescription Drugs" from Quick Links.

Dental Plans – MetLife

To review benefits, claims, or find providers, log in to <u>https://</u> metlife.com/mybenefits or call 1-800-ASK-4MET (1-800-275-4638).

Vision Plan – MetLife

To review benefits, claims, to find providers, log in to <u>https://</u> metlife.com/mybenefits or call 1-855-MET-EYE1 (1-855-638-3931). **Basic and Optional Life Insurance – Blue Cross Blue Shield** For assistance with claims, travel and beneficiary resources, portability or conversion policies, you may contact Member Services at 1-877-442-4207.

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Update to the Balanced Drug List Effective October 1, 2022



BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) routinely reviews the Balanced Drug List to determine which medications are safe, clinically effective and most cost effective. Updates to the drug list – such as removing or adding drugs – are made based on these guidelines. We understand that members may be used to taking a certain drug; however, often there are other drugs on the list that treat the same condition at a lower cost. These quarterly updates help BCBSIL keep health care more affordable for members. BCBSIL has sent targeted letters to any covered member taking a drug impacted by these upcoming changes.

Updates being made to the Balanced Drug List as of October 1st include the following:

- **New Exclusions:** These are drugs that will not be covered as of this date. Please work with your physician to have an alterna-tive drug prescribed. If you choose to continue this medication, your physician can request an exception for review by BCBSIL. If BCBSIL denies the request, you will be responsible for the full cost of this excluded prescription.
- **Cost Share Changes:** Some drugs are being moved to a higher cost tier (i.e. preferred to non-preferred). While these drugs are still eligible for coverage, you will pay a higher copay or coinsurance amount, based on your benefit plan.
- **Dispensing Limits:** Some drugs have new dispensing or quantity limits. Dispensing limits help to ensure medication is used as intended. The limits may include how much can be covered per fill or over a certain period of time. If your doctor prescribes more than the allowed quantity, you can still get the drug but may have to pay the full cost of the prescription beyond what the plan allows.

Below are **some** of the prescription drugs affected by the changes being made for October 1st:

New Exclusions	Cost Share Changes	Dispensing Limit
ACZONE	DEXAMETHASONE	LIDOCAINE/PRILOCAINE
COMBIGAN	MOXIFLOXACIN HYDROCHLORIDE	
CONTRAVE	TRAMADOL HCL ER	
VIMPAT		



In addition, some drugs may require members to meet certain criteria (utilization management) before prescription drug benefit coverage may be approved. With each quarterly Balanced Drug List update there may also be changes to these prescription guideline requirements, including prior authorization, step therapy, and dispensing limits.

The full Balanced Drug List will be updated by 10/1/2022 at the below link: https://www.bcbsil.com/docs/rx-drugs/drug-lists/il/rx-list-bal-il-2022.pdf

If you are taking one of the drugs listed above but have not received a letter from BCBSIL, please reach out to the Benefits Value Advisors (BVA) at 855-686-8517 for additional information or speak with your physician to deter-mine if an alternative therapy is appropriate.