UCare Medicare

2019 Prescription Drug Transition Policy
UCare’s Prescription Drug Transition Policy provides members temporary prescription refills when they are unable to get their medications in certain circumstances.

Transition process in the retail setting applies to:
- New members enrolled in UCare for the first 90 days of eligibility.
- Current members who are taking medication(s) no longer covered, or subject to new formulary restrictions, within the first 90 days of the new contract year.

UCare will provide your temporary supply of non-formulary Part D drugs for at least 30 days (unless the prescription is written for less than 30 days). This includes Part D drugs that are on the formulary, but require prior authorization or step therapy.

Transition process in a long-term care (LTC) setting applies to:
- New members enrolled in UCare for the first 90 days of eligibility.
- Current members living in long-term care facilities who are taking medication(s) no longer covered, or subject to new formulary restrictions, within the first 90 days of the new contract year.

UCare will provide your temporary supply of non-formulary Part D drugs for at least 31 days (unless the prescription is written for less than 31 days). This includes Part D drugs that are on the formulary, but require prior authorization or step therapy.

In a long-term care setting, UCare will honor multiple fills of non-formulary Part D drugs as needed for up to a 31-day supply. This includes Part D drugs that are on the formulary but require prior authorization or step therapy.

Emergency supply for members in a long-term care setting
UCare will cover an emergency supply of non-formulary Part D drugs for long-term care facility residents as part of your transition process.

In a long-term care setting, UCare will honor multiple fills of non-formulary Part D drugs as necessary up to a 31-day supply. However, to the extent that a member in a long-term care setting is outside of the 93-day transition period, UCare will still provide an emergency supply of non-formulary Part D drugs while an exception is being processed.

You will receive these emergency supplies of non-formulary Part D drugs for at least 31 days of medication (unless the prescription is written for less than 31 days). This includes Part D drugs that are on the formulary, but require prior authorization or step therapy.
**Level of care changes**
The following process applies to:
- Members who experience level of care changes (see description below).

The transition process also applies to current members who experience level of care changes including admission or discharge from a long-term care facility or other institution. To prevent any potential delays in receiving your medication(s), we will waive any notices that indicate it’s too soon to refill. This transition process will apply when discharge planning is performed in advance of your actual discharge.

**Transition extension**
When a member’s exception request or appeal has not been processed by the end of the minimum transition period, UCare will extend the transition period on a case-by-case basis.

Requests for transition extensions can be made by contacting UCare Customer Services at the numbers below.

The extended transition period will end when (whichever occurs first):
- The medication is changed to an alternative formulary drug, or
- The exception request or appeal is decided.

**Notices**
UCare will send written notice to members within three business days of the transition fill stating the transition supply is temporary. Instructions will be included regarding how you can work with your health care provider to identify any alternative medications that may be available and appropriate. We will also include an explanation of your right to request a formulary exception, and how to make that request.

The cost-sharing amount for the one-time transition will never exceed the member’s maximum copayment or coinsurance amounts, and will include any low income subsidy amounts, if eligible. Cost-sharing is based on the tier assigned to the non-formulary drug.

For information about the Transition policy, call Customer Services at 1-877-523-1515. TTY users, please call 1-800-688-2534 toll free. We are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

UCare Minnesota is an HMO-POS plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in UCare Minnesota depends on contract renewal.
Notice of Nondiscrimination

UCare complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex. UCare does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

We provide aids and services at no charge to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as TTY line, or written information in other formats, such as large print.

If you need these services, contact us at 612-676-3200 (voice) or toll free at 1-800-203-7225 (voice), 612-676-6810 (TTY), or 1-800-688-2534 (TTY).

We provide language services at no charge to people whose primary language is not English, such as qualified interpreters or information written in other languages.

If you need these services, contact us at the number on the back of your membership card or 612-676-3200 or toll free at 1-800-203-7225 (voice); 612-676-6810 or toll free at 1-800-688-2534 (TTY).

If you believe that UCare has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, you can file an oral or written grievance.

Oral grievance

If you are a current UCare member, please call the number on the back of your membership card.
Otherwise please call 612-676-3200 or toll free at 1-800-203-7225 (voice); 612-676-6810 or toll free at 1-800-688-2534 (TTY). You can also use these numbers if you need assistance filing a grievance.

Written grievance

Mailing Address
UCare
Attn: Appeals and Grievances
PO Box 52
Minneapolis, MN 55440-0052
Email: cag@ucare.org
Fax: 612-884-2021

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD)
