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RETIRED
Effective Date: 10/07/2021

Self Administered Drugs

Policy:

- A. Self-administered drugs are only covered under the prescription drug benefit and excluded from the medical benefit. When medical supervision and/or instruction for administration is necessary, members can obtain these drugs from a pharmacy and receive the necessary care through in home medical care or by bringing it to the doctor's office, pharmacy or another healthcare facility.

***Note: Coverage may differ for Medicare Part B members based on any applicable criteria outlined in Local Coverage Determinations (LCD) or National Coverage Determinations (NCD) as determined by Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). See the CMS website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/>. Determination of coverage of Part B drugs is based on medically accepted indications which have supported citations included or approved for inclusion determined by CMS approved compendia.

Background Information:

- A. Blue Cross of Michigan provides coverage under its medical and prescription drug benefits for drugs in accordance with benefit guidelines. Some of these covered medications are self-administered and are covered only under the pharmacy benefit.
- B. Self-administered drugs are medications that are intended for patient self-administration and do not require administration by a healthcare provider. These medications have been identified by published literature as being medically appropriate for administration by a patient or caregiver.
- C. Medical supervision and/or instruction may be required for certain self-injectable medications. In these instances, the member can obtain the drug through a pharmacy and receive the necessary care through in home medical care or by bringing it to the doctor's office, pharmacy or another healthcare facility.

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Policy History												
#	Date	Change Description										
1.6	Effective Date: 10/07/2021	Retiring policy as we are removing all self-injectable drugs from the medical benefit and policy is no longer needed										
1.5	Effective Date: 10/08/2020	Updated policy name (Self-Administered Drug Block on Medical Benefit to Self-Administered Drugs) Removed specific drug names and updated policy intent to cover all drugs intended for self-administration										
1.4	Effective Date: 02/01/2020	Drug block added to BCN <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Line of Business</th> <th>Blocked from Coverage (Yes/No)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BCBS</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BCN</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MAPPO</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BCNA</td> <td>No</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Line of Business	Blocked from Coverage (Yes/No)	BCBS	Yes	BCN	Yes	MAPPO	No	BCNA	No
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1.3	Effective Date: 11/07/2019	Updated to add Ajoyv and Takhyzro										
1.2	Effective Date: 05/09/2019	Annual Review										
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* The prescribing information for a drug is subject to change. To ensure you are reading the most current information it is advised that you reference the most updated prescribing information by visiting the drug or manufacturer website or <http://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/index.cfm>.