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## Clarification on non-FDA approved drugs



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AmeriHealth New Jersey pharmacy benefit plans do not cover drugs that are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This ensures the value and effectiveness of our drug formulary for all members, and is in accordance with our medical policies.

As part of our ongoing utilization reviews and cost-containment efforts, we've updated how the claims for non-FDA-approved drugs are processed. Effective January 1, 2016 members who are prescribed a non-FDA approved drug will have to pay out-of-pocket for those drugs since they are not a covered benefit.

An exception will be made for current members who have been prescribed non-FDA-approved drugs that are mandated by the Affordable Care Act, or are considered clinically sensitive as determined by the member's plan. This exception will allow for continued coverage at the member's cost-share and will remain in place for the duration of their plan year.

Our pharmacy benefits manager, FutureScripts<sup>®</sup>, will send a [letter to impacted members](#) and their providers to notify them of this change and encourage them to discuss FDA-approved alternatives that are covered by the member's benefits.

### Learn more

Read [Unapproved Prescription Drugs: Drugs Marketed in the United States That Do Not Have Required FDA Approval](#) for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact your AmeriHealth New Jersey broker representative.