

Starting January 1, 2017, you will have access to the Aetna Premier Formulary.

Two NEW Plan Features

- Drug coverage reviews ensure you and your family members use their medicine safely, at the right time, and in the right way. To maintain the highest quality and safety while keeping costs in check, Aetna may require:

PRECERTIFICATION

Here, certain drugs must go through a review process and meet certain guidelines before they are covered.

This is for drugs that:

- Are often taken the wrong way
- Should only be used for certain conditions
- Often cost more than other drugs proven just as effective

Examples include:

- Abilify (depression)
- Tretinoin (acne)
- Truvada (HIV)

STEP THERAPY

Here, some drugs are covered only after you first try a drug that is more clinically appropriate. The alternative drug is equally effective and treats the same conditions, but it may cost less.

When Aetna receives a prescription, they call the prescribing doctor to confirm there is a medical need. **If** it meets clinical standards, Aetna fills the prescription as is. **If not**, the doctor would need to prescribe another drug that meets step-therapy guidelines.

Examples include:

- Crestor (high cholesterol)
- Proventil HFA (asthma)
- Pennsaid (anti-inflammatory)

- You can view the complete list of drugs that require precertification or step therapy on the bates.edu/hr website.

Easy Transition

- During the first 90 days of the 2017 plan year, you may obtain a **one-time fill** of drugs that would normally need precertification or require step therapy.
- Once that script is filled, you will receive a letter directly from Aetna listing your alternative options and the next steps to take with your doctor.

AETNA NAVIGATOR

Remember to sign up for your secure Aetna Navigator member website at www.aetna.com if you haven't already. You can log in any time to estimate drug costs and compare prices at a local pharmacy or through mail order. Starting January 1, 2017 you will see drug coverage and prices for the **Aetna Premier Formulary**.