

Overview for clients

Apple Health preferred drug list (PDL): What you should know

The Health Care Authority (HCA) has made an Apple Health (Medicaid) Preferred Drug List in partnership with Apple Health managed care plans.

What is a preferred drug list?

A preferred drug list is a list of medications that your health plan will pay for, usually without prior authorization. Your health plan prefers these drugs because they work well for patients and they are cost effective. A committee of physicians and pharmacists review medications and select the preferred drugs.

What is changing for Apple Health?

All of the Apple Health plans do not currently use the same preferred drug list. Putting a single PDL into effect means HCA and the managed care plans will use the same list. You won't have to switch to another drug if you need to change your Apple Health plan.

Will I have to change to a different drug?

Your health plan will send you a letter if you need to change to another drug. In most situations you may already be taking a preferred drug. In some situations, you may be able to continue your current drug even if it is not preferred.

If you don't get a letter from your health plan explaining that you need to change drugs, you will not need to do anything. If you do receive a letter, you will need to work with your medical provider to select one of the preferred drugs.

If you have questions about your drug coverage, contact your plan for more information.

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| Amerigroup (AMG) | 1-800-600-4441 |
| Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW) | 1-800-440-1561 |
| Coordinated Care of Washington (CCW) | 1-877-644-4613 |
| Molina Healthcare of Washington, Inc. (MHW) | 1-800-869-7165 |
| United Healthcare Community Plan (UHC) | 1-877-542-8997 |
| Apple Health (Medicaid) fee-for-service | 1-800-562-3022 |

