



Part D Conditions & Limitations: Drug Exclusions

By law, certain types of drugs or categories of drugs are not covered by Medicare Part D prescription drug plans. These drugs or categories of drugs are called “exclusions” and include:

- Nonprescription drugs, unless they are part of a step therapy
- Drugs when used for anorexia, weight loss or weight gain
- Drugs when used to promote fertility or, in some cases, to treat sexual dysfunction*
- Drugs when used for cosmetic purposes or hair growth
- Drugs when used for the symptomatic relief of cough or colds
- Prescription vitamins and mineral products, except prenatal vitamins and fluoride preparations
- Outpatient drugs for which the manufacturer seeks to require that associated tests or monitoring services be purchased exclusively from the manufacturer as a condition of sale

In addition, a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan cannot cover a drug if the drug would be available under Medicare Part A or Part B. Some drugs are covered under Medicare Part B in some cases and under your Part D prescription drug plan in other cases. In general, your pharmacist will determine whether to bill Medicare Part B or your Part D prescription drug plan for the drug in question. See the *Medicare & You* handbook at www.medicare.gov for more information about drugs that are covered by Medicare Part A and Part B.

* Some plans will offer additional coverage for medications to treat sexual dysfunction, cough and colds, and prescription vitamins. If you have questions about what your plan covers, refer to your plan’s Formulary (List of Covered Drugs).

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