

# Get to Know Medicare Drug Coverage



## Which Drugs are Covered Under Medicare Part B versus D?

Many drugs are covered under the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Benefit, however, depending on what the drug is used for and how it is administered, some drugs can be covered under the Medicare Part B Medical Benefit.

On Wellcare's formulary, B/D means a drug may be eligible for payment under Medicare Part B or Part D. Specific information may be required to determine which benefit the medication falls under and if it is eligible for coverage. You can facilitate this process by providing all necessary clinical information for agents that require prior authorization.

Common Types of Part B versus D Drugs		
Drug	Coverage under Part B	Coverage under Part D
<b>Diabetic Supplies</b>	Blood glucose monitors, test strips, lancet devices/lancets, glucose control solution, insulin pumps/insulin used in the pumps	Injectable insulin (not used in an insulin pump), syringes, needles, alcohol swabs, gauze, inhaled insulin devices
<b>Erythropoietin (Epoetin Alfa or Epogen)</b>	ESRD on dialysis and need this drug to treat anemia or for non-ESRD related cause but drug is administered by physician only	Non-ESRD conditions and dispensed at a pharmacy
<b>Immunosuppressive Drugs</b>	If Medicare paid for the transplant	For all other situations
<b>Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Supply Drugs</b>	Drugs administered at home via DME (e.g. nebulizer drugs, IV drugs requiring a pump for infusion, and insulin via infusion pump)	Drugs not administered at home (e.g. LTC setting) or via DME
<b>Injectables Incident to a Physician Service</b>	Drugs administered by a physician and are not usually self-administered	N/A
<b>Oral Anti-Cancer Drugs</b>	Oral drugs that contain same active ingredient (or prodrugs) as injectable forms that are covered. Drug must be used to treat cancer	For all other situations
<b>Oral Antiemetic Drugs</b>	Related to cancer only, used as a full replacement for IV treatment and administered within 48 hours of chemotherapy	For all other situations
<b>Vaccines</b>	COVID-19, influenza, pneumonia, hepatitis B vaccines (for medium to high-risk beneficiaries)*, other vaccines related to treatment of an injury or illness (e.g. tetanus shot after stepping on a nail)	All preventive vaccines recommended by the ACIP for use by adult populations Providers can process Part D vaccine claims electronically via <a href="#">TransactRx</a>

ESRD: End-stage Renal Disease, DME: Durable Medical Equipment, ACIP: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, \*Refer to [Quick Reference Chart](#). The above drugs may require prior authorization.

**Please contact us at 1-855-538-0454 if you have any questions about this information.**