

## **New Specialty Drug Distribution Program.**

### **What is it?**

The UAS Health Plan is introducing a Specialty Medications Distribution Program, MedImpact Direct Specialty (MIDS). Specialty drugs are the primary driver of our prescription drug cost accounting for about one-half of the overall drug spend or about \$17M in annual costs to the Plan.

The program will begin on September 1<sup>st</sup> and has two components, distribution of high-dollar specialty medications through a limited, pre-qualified network of specialty pharmacies and the tracking of actual member out-of-pocket expenses for these medications after the application of manufacturer assistance/coupon programs.

### **Why are we making this change?**

By making this change to the new Specialty Drug Distribution Program, the UAS Health Plan will be able to achieve better medication pricing for the plan and our members. In addition, these pharmacies are expected to deliver enhanced clinical consultations and support for our members.

### **What drugs are included in the program?**

Not all prescription medications or even all specialty medications are included in the program. Initially the program will focus on oncology medications and highly utilized specialty medications. Some of the most familiar medications included are:

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| Humira    | Enbrel | Otezla    | Xolair       | Imbruvica | Revlimit | Ibrance |
| Xtandi    | Jakafi | Venclexta | Imatinib     | Duplixent | Gilenya  | Stelara |
| Tecfidera | Cimzia | Glatopa   | Capecitabine |           |          |         |

### **What's changing?**

For some members, this will change where your prescriptions are filled. Your access to the medications, benefit levels (tier placement, copays, and coinsurance), and ability to use coupons or manufacturer's debit cards for the medication are not changing. But beginning on September 1<sup>st</sup>, these medications will only be available through three prescription services – UAMS, Kroger Pharmacy and US Bioservices. MedImpact and these providers will be in touch with those members affected by this change to assist with questions and with the transfer of prescriptions.

### **If I don't use these medications, what do I need to do?**

Nothing. The listing above is only a partial list but if you aren't taking any of the targeted medications, you will experience no changes in your pharmacy services.

### **If I do use some of these medications, what do I need to do?**

If you do use these meds and you aren't already using one of the three designated pharmacies, you will receive a letter from MedImpact providing details on changes in the specialty

program. It will provide contact information for the pharmacies that will fill your prescriptions in the future as well as details on how those prescriptions will be managed. (Members filling one of these prescriptions within the past 180 days will be mailed two letters from MedImpact explaining this program.)

Again, if you currently use one of the medications listed and it is currently being filled by one of the three providers (UAMS, Kroger Pharmacy or US Bioservices), you will experience no changes.

However, if you currently use one of the medications listed and it isn't filled at one of the three providers (UAMS, Kroger Pharmacy or US Bioservices), and you have not received a letter from MedImpact, please call the dedicated specialty distribution support at 1-877-391-1103 (TTY dial 711).

Remember, the only thing changing is where your prescriptions are filled. Your access to the medications, benefit levels (tier placement, copays, and coinsurance), and ability to use coupons or manufacturer's debit cards for the medication are not changing.

To assist in this transition, the physician who provided your prescription also has received a letter from MedImpact providing information on the program and changes in pharmacy distribution.