

Policy Title:	Benefit Exclusion		
		Department:	PHA
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Purpose: To provide notice and context as to medications that are Benefit Exclusions (not covered) by Neighborhood's Pharmacy Medicaid and Exchange Benefit.

Scope: Medicaid and Exchange

Policy Statement:

This policy will specify medications and medication classes that are considered Benefit Exclusions and are therefore not covered by Neighborhood.

Procedure:

The following are considered Benefit Exclusions and are therefore not covered by Neighborhood's Medicaid Benefit when obtained at a pharmacy:

- Biological products for allergy immunizations;
- Biological products for vaccinations;
- Blood fractions;
- Compound medications that are not made up of at least one legend drug;
- Drugs prescribed or dispensed outside of Health Plan dispensing guidelines;
- Drugs that have not been proven effective according to the FDA;
- Drugs used for cosmetic purposes;
- Experimental drugs (including those placed on notice of opportunity hearing status by the Federal Drug Efficacy Study Implementation (DESI);
- Medications an enrollee may take or was given while a patient in a hospital, rest home, sanitarium, nursing home, home care program, or other institution that provides prescription drugs as part of its services or which operates its own facility for dispensing prescription drugs;
- Non-medical substances (regardless of the reason prescribed, the intended use, or medical necessity);
- Off-label use of drugs;
- Support garments and other durable medical equipment;
- Therapeutic devices and appliances, including hypodermic needles and syringes (except when used to administer insulin or for self-administration of FDA-approved injectable drugs);
- Medications prescribed for the treatment of sexual or erectile dysfunction (ED);
- Medical marijuana;

- Travel medications including drugs used to prevent diseases associated with travel to foreign countries are not covered. This includes all vaccines and medications commonly used to prevent diseases not commonly encountered in the US (e.g. malaria, typhoid);
- Medications for infertility treatment.

The following are considered Benefit Exclusions and are therefore not covered by Neighborhood's Medicaid Benefit for the Medical Benefit:

- Any drug products used for cosmetic purposes are not covered;
- Experimental drug products, or any drug product used in an experimental manner are not covered, unless mandated by laws pertaining to the treatment of cancer;
- Medications prescribed for infertility treatment, sexual or erectile dysfunction (ED) are not covered;
- Medical marijuana is not covered;
- Travel medications including drugs used to prevent diseases associated with travel to foreign countries are not covered. This includes all vaccines and medications commonly used to prevent diseases not commonly encountered in the US (e.g. malaria, typhoid);
- Off-label use of drugs are not covered.

The following are considered Benefit Exclusions and are therefore not covered by Neighborhood's Exchange Benefit:

- Any drug products used for cosmetic purposes are not covered;
- Experimental drug products, or any drug product used in an experimental manner are not covered, unless mandated by laws pertaining to the treatment of cancer;
- Medications prescribed for sexual and erectile dysfunction (ED) are not covered;
- Medical marijuana is not covered.

References:

1. Executive Office of Health and Human Services. State of Rhode Island. Medicaid Managed Care Services Pharmacy Benefit Plan Protocols.
2. Pharmaceuticals Benefits Coverage Summary. Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island. CMC Review Date 7/7/15.
3. EOHHS and NHPRI Contract. 7/1/19.