

Oral-Only End State Renal Disease Drugs Added to Bundled Payment

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Effective **January 1, 2025**, Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island's (Neighborhood) INTEGRITY Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) members utilizing dialysis services will have select oral phosphate binder medications covered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services under the End State Renal Disease bundled prospective payment system.

The following medications are included in this update:

- Renvela (sevelamer carbonate) tablets
- Renvela (sevelamer carbonate) powder packets
- Renagel (sevelamer hydrochloride) tablets
- Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide) chewable tablets
- Fosrenol (lanthanum carbonate) chewable tablets
- Fosrenol (lanthanum carbonate) powder packets
- Auryxia (ferric citrate) tablets
- Calcium Acetate tablets/capsules
- Xphozah (tenapanor) tablets

What does this mean to members and providers?

- For INTEGRITY (MMP) members, the above oral phosphate binder medications were previously dispensed from a retail pharmacy.
- As of January 1, 2025, oral phosphate binder medications are to be obtained from the dialysis provider and NOT the retail pharmacy.
 - If an INTEGRITY (MMP) member on dialysis attempts to fill the medication at a retail pharmacy, the pharmacy will not receive a paid claim and the pharmacy will notify the member that the member is to receive this product from their dialysis provider.

Please note this change does not impact Neighborhood Commercial or Medicaid members.