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Effective January 1, 2020 for ACA Plans New Lower-Cost Option for Medications Administered by Providers

Today, all of our Affordable Care Act (ACA) plans include a single standard tier for medications administered by a provider. To help your Florida Blue patients save money, effective January 1, 2020, a lower-price, low-tier option will be available for select generic drugs, preferred brands and biosimilar medications in these ACA plans.

What You Need to Know

Effective January 1, 2020, we'll offer a new lower-cost Medical Pharmacy low-tier option to ACA small-group and individual plans. Your Florida Blue patients in these plans can continue receiving provider-administered drugs on the standard tier, or for additional cost savings, may select medications from the new low tier. There is no penalty to your patients if they continue selecting drugs from the standard tier.

Medications on the low tier not only cost less, but have a lower cost share for your patients than drugs on the standard tier. Here is an example of the cost difference for a brand-name provider-administered drug on the standard tier and an equivalent brand-name drug on the new low tier:

Drug	Average Wholesale Price*	Standard-Tier Cost Share (What Patients Pay Now)	Low-Tier Cost Share (Effective January 1, 2020)	Patient Cost
Neupogen 300 mcg syringe	\$400	20 Percent		\$80
Nivestym 300 mcg syringe	\$263		10 Percent	\$26

The medication guide for your patients' specific ACA plans will indicate if a lower-cost option is available and what the cost share will be. The medication guides are available on floridablue.com.

Your patients rely on you for advice in selecting medications. When there are two options available that are equally appropriate, we hope you'll recommend the drug that will be less expensive for your patient.

You can see a complete list of the drugs included in this program [here](#).

*Average wholesale price used in this scenario. Please refer to contract pricing for an accurate estimate.