Compound Drug Prescriptions

If you are currently taking a compound drug, please review the following.

Compound prescription drugs are created by a pharmacist, mixing various components as instructed by your healthcare provider. Anthem requires compound drugs to be composed of only FDA approved ingredients which are assigned National Drug Codes (NDC). It may be possible your pharmacist uses “bulk materials” in your compound prescription. Bulk materials are not assigned NDCs and likewise may not be FDA compliant.

It is important to understand that if the pharmacist utilizes bulk materials in your compound prescription, the plan will not pay for this prescription. Anthem has communicated this policy to pharmacists and physicians. If you are currently taking a compound drug, please speak to your pharmacist to ensure all ingredients are assigned NDC numbers and are not bulk materials. If the pharmacist is utilizing the bulk material, ask them about NDC substitutes. If an NDC substitute does not meet your needs and you’ve tried several alternatives, your healthcare provider can utilize Anthem’s appeal process to request an exception for the compound.

Questions can be directed to Anthem’s Member Services number as indicated on the back of your insurance card, or HORAN at (513) 745-0707.