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## MEMORANDUM

Date: January 24, 2012  
To: Provider Network  
From: Pharmacy Services Department  
Re: Process for How to Obtain a Specialty Pharmacy Medication

Specialty drugs are prescription medications that require special handling, administration and monitoring. These drugs are used to treat complex, chronic and often costly conditions. Gateway Health Plan® requires most specialty medications be authorized through a specialty pharmacy network, with the exception of infusible oncology products. Providers can obtain an infusible oncology product through a contracted specialty pharmacy, or may use a drug from the provider's office stock and bill the product through Gateway's medical benefit.

Gateway Health Plan® contracts with various specialty pharmacies who are equipped to supply numerous specialty medications to meet the unique needs of Gateway providers and members. Providers can call the Pharmacy Services Department to confirm if a pharmacy is contracted with Gateway.

The Specialty Pharmacy Drug List below highlights all of the specialty medications that are available through the specialty pharmacy network. Please refer to the Formulary Drug List to see which medications are included on the formulary or have additional requirements or limits on coverage such as prior authorization, step therapy or quantity limits. Medications that may only be dispensed by a participating specialty pharmacy are noted in the following manner:

- Gateway Medicaid formulary book by the **SPN** notation.
- Specialty drugs only available for distribution by specific pharmacies are noted in the Gateway *Medicare Assured*® formulary book with an **SP** notation in the notes section.

### Specialty Pharmacy Drug List:

<http://www.gatewayhealthplan.com/providers/pa/specialtyphar.aspx>

Products that are not on the Specialty Pharmacy Drug List can be obtained through any pharmacy. For Gateway *Medicare Assured*® members, providers can obtain specialty medications through our contracted specialty pharmacy network, or may use a drug from the provider's office stock and bill the product through Gateway's medical benefit. Providers can call Provider Services regarding medical billing procedures at 1-800-392-1145 (for Medicaid), or 1-800-685-5205 (for *Medicare Assured*®).

Once the provider sends the referral to the specialty pharmacy, the pharmacy will outreach to the member to coordinate delivery of the medication and services needed.

**If you have additional questions about obtaining a specialty drug please call Pharmacy Services at 1-800-528-6738.**