

## Update regarding drugs not approved by the FDA

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Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield continually monitors and updates the list of drugs not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which are considered non-covered under prescription drug benefits. When drugs are added to this list, Anthem notifies impacted members that the drug is not FDA-approved and will no longer be covered.

Effective December 1, 2018, [these drugs](#) were added to our list of drugs not approved by the FDA.

For **new** members just beginning an Anthem plan or not yet having used one of these non-FDA-approved drugs, coverage for these drugs ended December 1, 2018.

Existing members who had been identified as already using at least one of the drugs added to the list received a letter to let them know their drug(s) will no longer be covered after December 31, 2018. However, if the patient had a prior authorization for a drug on [this list](#), coverage for that drug continued until the prior authorization expired on December 31, 2018.

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