

All MCOs: Specialty Drug List from Quarter Four (December 2019) Remains in Effect

Background:

HHSC updates the specialty drug list (SDL) each quarter to include drugs meeting inclusion criteria. SDL updates were scheduled for quarter One (March 2020) and quarter two (June 2020). However, due to COVID-19 impacts, the SDL from quarter four remains in effect. A drug not identified on the SDL is accessible in all pharmacies. Once a drug is included on the SDL, however, an MCO may enter into selective contracts with specialty pharmacies to provide the drug.

Key Details:

The last-published SDL for 2019, quarter four, remains in effect to avoid any disruptions to receiving necessary medications. Regular SDL processes are scheduled to resume for quarter three, published in September 2020.

Resources: <https://www.txvendordrug.com/formulary/formulary/specialty-drugs>

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