



## Provider Alert - Specialty Drugs

MedStar Family Choice covers many specialty medications for our members.

Specialty drugs often:

- treat incurable and/or rare conditions.
- require special handling (example: refrigeration).
- require significant patient education regarding handling and administration.
- are not stocked in regular pharmacies.
- are very expensive.

Some specialty drugs are only available from specialty pharmacies. Other specialty drugs are available at specialty and retail pharmacies (ex: HIV medications).

**MedStar Family Choice does not restrict the type of pharmacy members must use for specialty medications as long as members use an in-network pharmacy (retail or specialty). Specialty medications can be filled at any in-network pharmacy (retail or specialty) that stocks the requested medicine.**

To find an in-network retail or specialty pharmacy, please visit the [Find-a-Provider page](#). The MedStar Family Choice network of pharmacies is extensive and includes most large retail chains as well as independent pharmacies in Maryland.

**If your patient needs a specialty drug, they can use ANY in-network pharmacy that is able to fill their prescription.**

If you need help securing a specialty medicine for your patient, please contact MFC Provider Relations at [MFC-ProviderRelations2@medstar.net](mailto:MFC-ProviderRelations2@medstar.net) or 800-905-1722, option 2.