

Getting started with CVS Specialty[®]



 **CVS**
specialty[®]

Welcome

to a different kind of pharmacy

Whether you have a prescription for specialty medication or care for someone who does, CVS Specialty® helps you make sense of it all. That's because we do so much more than just provide your medication. We help you keep an eye on your condition and help you stay on track. We'll also put you in touch with specialists who can help you sort out your insurance and connect you to financial assistance programs. Your health is our greatest priority.

Let's get started on the next page.

This guide goes hand-in-hand with your new prescription. It introduces you to CVS Specialty and how we help you manage your condition as well as your health.

¿Español?

Si prefiere recibir este material en español, comuníquese con su equipo CareTeam llamando a la línea gratuita que figura en la etiqueta de su receta.

Get help in other languages

If you need help or speak a non-English language, call **1-866-322-0984** (TTY: 711) and you will be connected to an interpreter who will help you at no cost.

Spanish

ATENCIÓN: Si usted habla español, tenemos servicios de asistencia lingüística disponibles para usted sin costo alguno. Llame al **1-866-322-0984** (TTY: 711).

Cantonese

如果您使用除英語以外的其他語言，請致電 **1-866-322-0984** (TTY: 711)，您將連線至口譯員並可免費獲得協助。

Mandarin

小贴士：如果您说普通话，欢迎使用免费语言协助服务。请拨 **1-866-322-0984** (TTY: 711)。

Vietnamese

Nếu quý vị cần trợ giúp hoặc sử dụng ngôn ngữ khác không phải tiếng Anh, hãy gọi đến số **1-866-322-0984** (TTY:711) và quý vị sẽ được kết nối với thông dịch viên hỗ trợ miễn phí.

Korean

알림: 한국어를 하시는 경우 무료 통역 서비스가 준비되어 있습니다. **1-866-322-0984** (TTY: 711) 로 연락주시기 바랍니다.

Tagalog

Pansinin: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika, nang walang bayad, ay magagamit sa iyo. Tawagan ang **1-866-322-0984** (TTY: 711).

Russian

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, вам будут бесплатно предоставлены услуги переводчика. Звоните по телефону: **1-866-322-0984** (телетайп: 711).

Arabic

ملاحظة: إذا كنت تتحدث العربية، تتوفر خدمات المساعدة اللغوية مجاناً لك. اتصل بالرقم **1-866-322-0984** (من الهاتف النصي: 711).

French creole

ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele **1-866-322-0984** (TTY: 711).

French

ATTENTION: Si vous parlez français, des services gratuits d'interprétation sont à votre disposition. Veuillez appeler le **1-866-322-0984** (TTY: 711).

Polish

UWAGA: Dla osób mówiących po polsku dostępna jest bezpłatna pomoc językowa. Zadzwoń pod numer **1-866-322-0984** (TTY: 711).

Portuguese

ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, estão disponíveis serviços gratuitos de assistência linguística na sua língua. Telefone para **1-866-322-0984** (TTY: 711).

Italian

ATTENZIONE: Se lei parla italiano, sono disponibili servizi gratuiti di assistenza linguistica nella sua lingua. Chiami **1-866-322-0984** (TTY: 711).

Japanese

お知らせ: 日本語での対応を望まれる方には、無料で通訳サービスをご利用になれます。電話番号 **1-866-322-0984** (TTY: 711)までお問い合わせ下さい。

German

BITTE BEACHTEN: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen unsere Dolmetscher unter der Nummer **1-866-322-0984** (TTY: 711) kostenlos zur Verfügung.

Farsi

توجه: اگر به زبان فارسی گفتگو می کنید، تسهیلات زبانی بصورت رایگان برای شما فراهم می باشد. با **1-866-322-0984** (TTY: 711) تماس بگیرید.

Important steps to get started

1 The first thing to do is to create an online account and opt in to receive text messages from us.

Here's how:

Text "**START**" to **30943** to receive a link and get started.*

*By texting START to 30943 you agree to receive texts from CVS Specialty® about your prescriptions, health and plan information, and marketing opportunities at your phone number. Consent is not a condition of purchase and may be revoked at any time. Frequency varies. Text STOP to stop and HELP for more info. Message and data rates may apply.

2 Fill in, sign and return the forms we'll need to get you your medication and submit claims.

Complete and print the forms located at the end of this guide and mail to:

CVS Specialty
105 Mall Boulevard
Monroeville, PA 15146

Be sure to sign and return the forms right away to avoid any delays. Because nothing is more important than getting you started on your treatment.

All-around convenience

Digital tools make it easy to manage your prescriptions anytime, anywhere

You can manage your medications and stay on track at [CVSpecialty.com](https://www.cvspecialty.com) or with our mobile app. Order and track refills so you never miss a dose. Securely chat with your CareTeam on the go. Make payments and view history day or night. You can also sign up to get refill reminders, order status updates and more by email or text.

We give you the choice of pickup at CVS Pharmacy® or delivery at home

We make it as easy as possible to get the medication you need, where you need it. You can have your eligible medications delivered anywhere nationwide, even if you're on vacation. Or you can pick it up at any CVS Pharmacy location.*

We're here for you 365 days a year

Have questions? Need answers? Need a prescription transferred? **Call the phone number on your prescription label.**

Our pharmacists, nurses and insurance specialists are here for you. We can be reached Monday through Friday, from 8 AM to 6 PM. The on-call team is available 24/7 for help after hours. Please note that hours may vary by pharmacy location.

Or securely chat with your CareTeam

from 8 AM to 9 PM ET Mon.–Fri. and 9 AM to 6 PM ET Sat. and Sun. at [CVSpecialty.com](https://www.cvspecialty.com) or on our mobile app.

Text “iPHONE” or “ANDROID” to 30943 for a link to download our mobile app.**

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Specialized care and support

Our team of pharmacists and nurses are specially trained for conditions like yours

We give you a CVS Specialty® CareTeam led by pharmacists and nurses that put you first. Count on us for personalized support every step of the way.

We're here to look out for you

Your CVS Specialty CareTeam helps you manage your condition. We make sure you know how to take your medication correctly. And help you manage side effects. We help to ensure your medication dosage is safe and correct. We may reach out with refill reminders and work with you and get you your refill when you need it. Ask us anything, anytime. We're here 365 days a year for you, no matter what. We also make it easy to learn about your condition. You can always find helpful resources, tips and more at CVSSpecialty.com/Resource-Center

We help with insurance and more

We help you see if your medication is covered. We file insurance claims for you and help you keep out-of-pocket costs as low as possible. If your claim is denied, we work to help you get the medication you need. We also provide helpful resources during open enrollment.

And, we keep you up to date on payments and balances

We'll send you a patient statement to show if there is activity on your account, including any balance that you may still need to pay. Your insurer may also provide you with an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) report that describes the services and medications that were covered and how much was paid.

Worried about paying for your medication?

Let us know. We'll work hard to help you find the financial assistance you need.

Medication delivery and more

Delivery times

Regular delivery is Monday through Friday, but some shipments arrive on Saturday. Orders that need to be refrigerated arrive Tuesday through Friday.

Delivery to remote areas

In remote areas, deliveries may be as late as 9 PM. Saturday delivery may not be available. Check delivery time with your CareTeam when placing your order.

Late or missing deliveries

If you don't receive your medication on schedule, call us as soon as possible to avoid missing a dose.

Receiving your shipment

You or your insurance plan may need a signature for medication delivery. If that's the case, we can't leave your package at the door. We can always deliver it to another location, even when you're on vacation. Or, you can pick it up at any CVS Pharmacy® location.*

Change of address

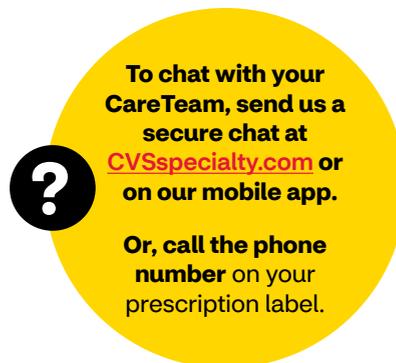
Please tell your CareTeam if your address, phone number or delivery preference changes.

Emergency refills

Occasionally, you may need an emergency prescription or refill. Just call the phone number on your prescription label.

Lower-cost generics

Some states allow lower-cost generic medications. If your doctor prescribes a brand-name medication, we may call them to see if a generic is right for you. This helps make sure your medications are both cost effective and clinically effective.



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Safety and storage

Always handle your medication safely

Medication storage

Keep all medications and supplies out of the reach of children and pets and away from other household or food items.

If your medication needs to be kept in the refrigerator, put it on a clean shelf or in a drawer.¹

Waste disposal

Do not flush unused medications or pour them down the sink. Utilizing local drug take-back programs is the best way to dispose of unwanted medications.

Do not recap needles after injections.

Keep a rigid, puncture-proof, leak-proof container close by for easy disposal of syringes and needles. Store the container upright and keep out of reach of children. When the container is full, seal the lid with tape or glue. To dispose of the container properly, follow your county or city regulations. Please do not send the container to CVS Specialty®. If you need more information on disposal of unused medications or of medical waste, consult your local Department of Public Health agency or call your pharmacy.²

Preventing infections

Use soap and warm water to wash your hands. Rub your hands together for at least 20 seconds and scrub all surfaces. Rinse your hands under running water and dry your hands using a paper towel or air dryer. If you cannot find soap and water, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Rub the sanitizer all over your hands — this includes under your nails and between your fingers — until your hands are dry.

Emergency preparation

Take enough medication and supplies to last through the emergency. If you use an infusion pump or other device, be sure to take that with you, too. Store temperature-sensitive medication in an ice-filled ice chest. When you can, let your CareTeam know how to reach you.

1. U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

2. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Medicare DMEPOS information

DMEPOS is short for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies

Notification of warranty

CVS Specialty® hereby notifies you that any manufacturer warranty coverage is described in the manufacturer packaging that accompanies the product. We honor express and implied warranties under applicable state law and will repair or replace, free of charge, Medicare-covered equipment that is covered under warranty. CVS Specialty itself does not provide a warranty on any product it sells or rents and disclaims any such warranty express or implied, including any warranty of merchantability or that the product is fit for a particular purpose (unless otherwise required by applicable state law).

Notification regarding capped rental items and inexpensive or routinely purchased items

Medicare has defined certain items as being “capped rental items,” including suction pumps, external infusion pumps, hospital beds, wheelchairs, alternating pressure pads, air-fluidized beds, mattress overlays, nebulizers, continuous airway pressure (CPAP) devices, patient lifts and trapeze bars. For these items, Medicare will pay a monthly rental fee for a period not to exceed 13 months, after which ownership of the equipment, as well as responsibility for repair or servicing of the equipment, is transferred to the Medicare beneficiary.



To chat with your CareTeam, send us a secure chat at CVSspecialty.com or on our mobile app.

Or, call the phone number on your prescription label.

Medicare has defined certain items as “inexpensive or routinely purchased items,” including home blood glucose monitors, external infusion pump supplies, orthotics, respiratory care (oximeters, nebulizer), specialty incontinence items, wound care items and ostomy care items. A Medicare beneficiary may either rent or purchase these items, although CVS Specialty® does not offer rental of items in this category. If rented from another supplier, the total amount paid for an item obtained on a monthly rental basis may not exceed the fee schedule purchase amount.

Right to consultation/education and training regarding DMEPOS

As a Medicare beneficiary, you have the right to be counseled about your DMEPOS prescription by a pharmacist, and trained and educated on the safe and effective use of the equipment, items and services. Training may include demonstrations of safe and effective operation and/or product use, troubleshooting and potential hazards associated with your purchase. Please ask to speak with a pharmacist for appropriate counseling and training.



Medicare DMEPOS supplier standards

NOTE: This is an abbreviated version of the supplier standards all Medicare DMEPOS suppliers must meet in order to obtain and retain their billing privileges. These standards, in their entirety, are listed in 42 C.F.R. 424.57(c)

1. A supplier must be in compliance with all applicable Federal and State licensure and regulatory and cannot contract with an individual or entity to provide licensed services.
2. A supplier must provide complete and accurate information on the DMEPOS supplier application. Any changes to this information must be reported to the National Supplier Clearinghouse within 30 days.
3. An authorized individual (one whose signature is binding) must sign the application for billing privileges.
4. A supplier must fill orders from its own inventory, or must contract with other companies for the purchase of items necessary to fill the order. A supplier may not contract with any entity that is currently excluded from the Medicare program, any State health care programs, or from any other federal procurement or non-procurement programs.
5. A supplier must advise beneficiaries that they may rent or purchase inexpensive or routinely purchased durable medical equipment, and of the purchase option for capped rental equipment.
6. A supplier must notify beneficiaries of warranty coverage and honor all warranties under applicable State law, and repair or replace free of charge Medicare covered items that are under warranty.
7. A supplier must maintain a physical facility on an appropriate site. This standard requires that the location is accessible to the public and staffed during posted hours of business. The location must be at least 200-square feet and contain space for storing records.
8. A supplier must permit CMS, or its agents, to conduct on-site inspections to ascertain the supplier's compliance with these standards. The supplier location must be accessible to beneficiaries during reasonable business hours, and must maintain a visible sign and posted hours of operation.

9. A supplier must maintain a primary business telephone listed under the name of the business in a local directory, or a toll-free number available through directory assistance. The exclusive use of a beeper, answering machine, answering service or cell phone during posted business hours is prohibited.
10. A supplier must have comprehensive liability insurance in the amount of at least \$300,000 that covers both the supplier's place of business and all customers and employees of the supplier. If the supplier manufactures its own items, this insurance must also cover product liability and completed operations.
11. A supplier must agree not to initiate telephone contact with beneficiaries, with a few exceptions allowed. This standard prohibits suppliers from contacting a Medicare beneficiary based on a physician's oral order unless an exception applies.
12. A supplier is responsible for delivery and must instruct beneficiaries on use of Medicare-covered items and maintain proof of delivery.
13. A supplier must answer questions and respond to complaints of beneficiaries, and maintain documentation of such contacts.
14. A supplier must maintain and replace at no charge, or repair either directly or through a service contract with another company, Medicare-covered items it has rented to beneficiaries.
15. A supplier must accept returns of substandard (less than full quality for the particular item) or unsuitable items (inappropriate for the beneficiary at the time it was fitted and rented or sold) from beneficiaries.
16. A supplier must disclose these supplier standards to each beneficiary to whom it supplies a Medicare-covered item.
17. A supplier must disclose to the government any person having ownership, financial or control interest in the supplier.
18. A supplier must not convey or reassign a supplier number (i.e., the supplier may not sell or allow another entity to use its Medicare billing number).
19. A supplier must have a complaint resolution protocol established to address beneficiary complaints that relate to these standards. A record of these complaints must be maintained at the physical facility.
20. Complaint records must include: the name, address, telephone number and health insurance claim number of the beneficiary, a summary of the complaint and any actions taken to resolve it.
21. A supplier must agree to furnish CMS with any information required by the Medicare statute and implementing regulations.

22. All suppliers must be accredited by a CMS-approved accreditation organization in order to receive and retain a supplier billing number. The accreditation must indicate the specific products and services for which the supplier is accredited in order for the supplier to receive payment for those specific products and services (except for certain exempt pharmaceuticals). Implementation date: October 1, 2009.
23. All suppliers must notify their accreditation organization when a new DMEPOS location is opened.
24. All supplier locations, whether owned or subcontracted, must meet the DMEPOS quality standards and be separately accredited in order to bill Medicare.
25. All suppliers must disclose upon enrollment all products and services, including the addition of new product lines for which they are seeking accreditation.
26. All suppliers must meet the surety bond requirements specified in 42 C.F.R. 424.57(c). Implementation date: May 4, 2009.
27. A supplier must obtain oxygen from a state-licensed oxygen supplier.
28. A supplier must maintain ordering and referring documentation consistent with provisions found in 42 C.F.R. 424.516(f).
29. DMEPOS suppliers are prohibited from sharing a practice location with certain other Medicare providers and suppliers.
30. DMEPOS suppliers must remain open to the public for a minimum of 30 hours per week, with certain exceptions.

Patient rights and responsibilities

As a CVS Specialty® patient, or as a parent or guardian of a minor who is a CVS Specialty patient, you have the right to:

1. Be fully informed of all your rights and responsibilities as a patient of CVS Specialty, or the parent or guardian of a minor who is a patient of CVS Specialty, and to exercise those rights.
2. Be treated with dignity and respect without discrimination on the basis of any factor for which discrimination is prohibited by law.
3. Choose health care providers.
4. Receive information necessary to give informed consent prior to the start of any procedure or treatment.
5. Receive information in a language or form you can understand.
6. Make informed decisions about and actively participate in the planning of your care.
7. Be informed about your illness and treatment, when and how services will be provided, the name and function of any person providing care and service and the name of the person responsible for the coordination of your care.
8. Refuse treatment and to be informed of the consequences of your action.
9. Confidentiality and privacy in treatment and care, including confidential treatment of patient health information.
10. Be admitted for service only if CVS Specialty has the ability to provide safe and professional care at the level of intensity prescribed. You have the right to reasonable continuity of care and service provided by personnel who are qualified, through education and experience, to perform the service for which they are responsible.
11. Be informed within a reasonable time of anticipated termination of services or plans for transfer to another agency, and participate in that discharge or transfer process.
12. Participate or refuse to participate in experimental treatment and research with voluntary, informed consent documented without jeopardizing access to care, treatment and services unrelated to research.

13. Issue voice complaints and grievances, suggest changes in service staff, and be informed of CVS Specialty® procedures for registering complaints without reprisal, coercion, discrimination or unreasonable interruption in service and the right to have your complaint investigated.
14. Review your medical record.
15. Formulate advance directives and be aware that CVS Specialty will honor those directives.
16. Participate in the consideration of ethical issues in your care.
17. Be advised of the availability of the toll-free state home health hotline.
18. Refuse disclosure of your Protected Health Information (PHI) to accrediting organizations for the purposes of quality management. To refuse disclosure of specialty pharmacy information and your PHI, please call the phone number of the pharmacy listed on your prescription label.
19. Be informed of the identity and job title of the staff members of the pharmacy providing services to you, and to speak to a supervisor of the staff member if requested.
20. Have cultural and personal values, beliefs and preferences respected.
21. Have a surrogate decision-maker whose decisions regarding care, treatment and services are respected, including the right to refuse care, treatment and services on your behalf, in accordance with law and regulation.
22. Give or withhold informed consent for CVS Specialty to produce or use recordings, films or other images of you, for internal or external purposes.
23. Know about the philosophy and characteristics of the CVS Specialty patient management program.
24. Receive information about the patient management program.
25. Decline participation, revoke consent or disenroll in the patient management program at any time.
26. Speak to a health care professional.

As a CVS Specialty® patient, or as a parent or guardian of a minor who is a CVS Specialty patient, you have the responsibility to:

1. Give accurate and complete health information concerning past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications, allergies and other pertinent information necessary for CVS Specialty to render appropriate services.
2. Assist in developing and maintaining a safe environment to give self treatments according to infection control guidelines.
3. Advise CVS Specialty pharmacy staff about any change in physicians or in medical condition.
4. Inform the staff at CVS Specialty at least 24 hours in advance when you will not be able to keep a scheduled appointment.
5. Participate in the development and update of your plan of care.
6. Request further information concerning anything you do not understand.
7. Advise CVS Specialty if you are not willing to follow your established care plan/services and accept responsibility for those actions.
8. Follow the plan of care and clinical instructions and use equipment and supplies as prescribed by the physician.
9. Give information regarding concerns and problems you have to a staff member.
10. Advise CVS Specialty about any changes in your insurance benefits, employment status or employer.
11. Fulfill financial obligations for services.
12. Treat CVS Specialty employees with courtesy and respect.
13. Notify your treating provider of your participation in the patient management program.

Customer and Patient Conduct Standards

Everyone should expect a safe and caring environment.

Our Customer and Patient Code of Conduct helps us to meet this goal:

We expect everyone to treat others with respect and dignity.

No threats. No abuse. No violence of any kind.

CVS Specialty is committed to providing a welcoming environment that protects the safety and well-being of our customers, patients and colleagues. Unacceptable behaviors may result in a ban from this or any other CVS Specialty location nationwide, and/or engagement of law enforcement.

Notice of privacy practices

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. **Please review it carefully.**

This Notice of Privacy Practices (the “Notice”) describes the privacy practices of CVS Pharmacy®, Inc.; CVS Specialty pharmacy; ProCare Pharmacy, L.L.C.; and each of their affiliated retail, specialty, and mail order pharmacy entities (“CVS”, “we”, “us”, or “our”). It also applies to the members of CVS’s Affiliated Covered Entity (“CVS Provider ACE”), a group of Covered Entity health care providers that CVS owns or controls. The members of the CVS Provider ACE designate themselves as a single Covered Entity to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (“HIPAA”). The members of the CVS Provider ACE can share Protected Health Information (PHI) with each other. We do this for the treatment, payment and health care operations of the CVS Provider ACE and as allowed by HIPAA and this Notice. For a complete list of the members of the CVS Provider ACE, contact the CVS Health Privacy Office.

By law, we must protect your PHI and provide you with this Notice explaining our legal duties and privacy practices for your PHI. This Notice describes how

we may use and disclose your PHI. We provide you with some examples, but we don’t spell out every allowable use or disclosure in this Notice. PHI disclosed as permitted by HIPAA may be subject to redisclosure by the recipient and no longer protected by HIPAA. This Notice also describes your rights and what we must do to use and disclose your PHI. We, and our employees and workforce members, must follow the terms of this Notice and any changes we make to it.

Explaining Protected Health Information (PHI)

PHI is information about you that we need to provide our services to you and that may be used to identify you. It includes your name and contact information. It also includes information about your health, medical conditions and prescriptions. It may also relate to you:

- Past, present or future physical or mental health or condition
- Provision of health care products and services to you
- Payment for such products or services

How we may use and share your PHI

We may use and share your PHI for varied reasons without your approval. For instance:

Treatment: We may use and share your PHI to provide and help you get the treatment, medication, and services you receive.

For example, we may:

- Share your PHI with other parties (such as pharmacies, doctors, hospitals or other health care providers) to help them provide care to you or coordinate your care. In some cases, uses and disclosures of your PHI may be made through a Health Information Exchange or other shared system.
- Contact you to offer services related to your treatment.

These may include:

- Reminders to refill your medicine
- Suggestions for other treatment options (such as generic medicines)
- Messages that urge you to take your medicine and follow your doctor's advice

Payment: We may use and share your PHI to obtain payment for the services we provide to you and for other payment activities related to the services we provide. For example, we may:

- Share your PHI with your insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, or other health care payor to determine whether it will pay for your health care products and services. This also may tell us how much you may owe.
- Contact you about a payment or balance due for prescriptions you get from us.
- Share your PHI with other health care providers, health plans or other HIPAA Covered Entities who may need it for their payment purposes.

Health care operations: We may use and share your PHI for our health care operations. Those are activities we need to do to carry out our health care business. For example, we may:

- Use and share your PHI to monitor the quality of our health care services, provide customer services to you, resolve complaints, and coordinate your care.
- Transfer or receive your PHI if we buy or sell pharmacy locations.
- Use and share your PHI to contact you about health-related products and programs. Or to tell you about things we think may interest you, such as programs for CVS patients.
- Share your PHI with other HIPAA Covered Entities that have provided services to you. We do this so they can improve the quality and value of the health care services they provide or for their health care operations.

- Use your PHI to create de-identified data. This is data that no longer identifies you. We may use it or share it for analytics, business planning or other reasons.

Other uses and disclosures of your PHI that don't require your approval

We are also allowed or required to use or share your PHI without your okay in other situations, including:

Business associates: We may allow access to those who provide services to us and assure us they will protect the information. For example, third parties who perform billing or consulting services. They are required by law and their agreements with us to protect your PHI in the same way we do.

People involved in your care or for payment of it: We may share your PHI with certain people who are involved in your care or the payment of it. This may include a friend, personal representative, family member or any other person you identify as a caregiver. For example, we may provide prescriptions and related information to your caregiver on your behalf. We may also make these

disclosures after your death unless you've expressly told us not to do so. Upon your death, we may share your PHI with a person allowed by law to act for your estate. If you are a minor, we may release your PHI to your parents or legal guardians when permitted or required by law.

Workers' compensation: We may share your PHI to comply with workers' compensation laws or similar programs.

Law enforcement: We may share your PHI with law enforcement officials as permitted or required by law. For example, we may share your PHI to report certain injuries or to report criminal conduct that happens on our premises. Also, we may share it in response to a court order, subpoena, warrant or similar written request from law enforcement.

Required by law: We will share your PHI to comply with federal, state or local law.

Judicial and administrative proceedings: We may share your PHI in response to a court or administrative order, subpoena, discovery request or other lawful process.

Public health and safety purposes: We may share your PHI in certain situations to help with public health and safety issues.

For example, to:

- Prevent disease
- Report adverse reactions to medicine

- Report suspected abuse, neglect or domestic violence
- Prevent or reduce a threat to a person's health or safety

Health oversight activities: We may share your PHI to an oversight agency for certain activities, including:

- Audits, investigations, inspections, licensure or disciplinary actions
- Civil, administrative and criminal proceedings
- As necessary for oversight of the health care system, government programs or compliance with civil rights laws

Research: Under certain circumstances, we may use or share your PHI for research purposes. For example, we may use or share your PHI as part of a research study when the research has been approved by an institutional review board and there is an established protocol to ensure the privacy of your information.

Coroners, medical examiners and funeral directors: We may share your PHI to these entities so they may carry out their duties.

Organ or tissue donation: We may share your PHI to organ procurement organizations.

Notification: We may use or share your PHI to notify or to help to notify a family member or any other person responsible for your care about your location, general condition or death. We may also share your PHI with disaster relief groups so that your family or others responsible for your care can learn of your location, general condition or death.

Correctional institution: We may share your PHI to a correctional institution or its agents if you are or become an inmate. This is to help them provide your health care, and protect your health and safety, and that of others.

Specialized government functions and Military: We may share your PHI to authorized federal officials for the conduct of military, national security activities, and other specialized government functions. If you are a member of the U.S. armed forces or the foreign military, we may share your PHI for activities deemed necessary by appropriate command authorities or under the law.

Uses or disclosures that require your approval

In some situations, we may only use and share your PHI when you say it's okay in writing to use or share your PHI.

For example, without your approval we won't:

- Use or share your PHI for marketing purposes.

- Sell your PHI to third parties. (But we may do so without your permission if we transfer a business to another health care provider that must comply with HIPAA).
- Share psychotherapy notes (if we have any).

We will need your written approval before using or disclosing your PHI for purposes other than those described in this Notice or permitted by law. You may revoke your approval anytime. Just send a written notice to the CVS Health® Privacy Office. Your revocation will be effective upon receipt. But it will not undo any use or sharing of your PHI that has already happened based on your permission.

Additional Restrictions on Use and Disclosure

Some state or federal laws may require special privacy protections, including certain requirements to obtain attestations from requestors, that limit the use and disclosure of certain sensitive health information. Such laws may protect information related to:

- Alcohol or substance use disorder
- Biometric Information
- Child or adult abuse or neglect, including sexual assault
- Communicable diseases
- Genetic information
- HIV/AIDs

- Mental health
- Minors
- Reproductive health
- Sexually transmitted diseases

We will follow the law that is stricter (or more protective of your PHI), where it applies to us. If you would like additional information about additional use or disclosure restrictions that may apply to your sensitive PHI, please contact the CVS Health Privacy Office.

Your health information rights

Written requests and other information: You may ask for more information about our privacy practices or obtain forms for submitting written requests. Just contact the CVS Health Privacy Officer

- **By email:**
PrivacyOffice@CVSHealth.com
- **By writing:** CVS Health Privacy Office, One CVS Drive, Woonsocket RI 02895
- **By phone:** Toll-free at **1-833-571-1784**

Obtain a copy of the Notice: You have the right to a paper copy of our current Notice anytime. You may do so by going to the site where you obtain health care services from us. You can also contact the CVS Health Privacy Office.

Inspect and obtain a copy of your PHI: With a few exceptions, you have the right to see and get a copy of the PHI we have about you.

To inspect or get a copy of your PHI, send a written request to the CVS Health® Privacy Office. You may also ask us to provide a copy of your PHI to someone else. We may charge a reasonable fee for this. HIPAA and/or state law allows this fee.

We may deny your request to inspect and copy your record in certain cases. If we do, we will notify you in writing. We will let you know if you may request a review of the denial.

Request a change: If you feel the PHI we have about you is wrong or incomplete, you may ask us to fix it. For example, if your date of birth is incorrect, you may ask us to correct it.

Send a written request to the CVS Health Privacy Office. You must include a reason for your request. If we deny your request, we will explain in writing why we did so.

Receive a report of disclosures: You have the right to ask for a list of certain disclosures we make of your PHI for purposes other than treatment, payment or health care operations. This is called an "accounting." (Note certain other disclosures are not required in the report we give to you.)

To get a list of the disclosures, send a written request to the CVS Health Privacy Office. We will provide one report every 12 months free of charge. But we may charge you for the cost of any other reports. We will notify you in advance of the cost. You may withdraw or modify your request at that time.

Request a restriction on certain uses and disclosures: You have the right to ask for limits on the way we use or share your PHI. Just send a written request to the CVS Health Privacy Office.

We aren't required to agree to your request except where the disclosure:

- Is to a health plan or insurer for purposes of carrying out payment or health care operations,
- Is not otherwise required by law, and
- Is PHI related to a health care item or service for which you, or a person on your behalf, has paid in full out of pocket.

If you don't want a claim sent to your health plan, talk to your pharmacist or health care provider when you check in for care or before your prescription is sent to the pharmacy.

Request confidential communications: You have the right to request that we communicate with you in a certain way or at a certain location. For example, you may ask that we contact you only in writing at a specific address.

To request confidential communication of your PHI, send a written request to the CVS Health® Privacy Office. Your request must state how, where or when you would like us to contact you. We will accommodate all reasonable requests.

Notification of breach: You have a right to know if there is a breach of your unsecured PHI, as defined by HIPAA.

To report a problem

Complaints: If you believe your privacy rights were violated, you can file a complaint with the:

- CVS Health Privacy Officer
- Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Submit all complaints in writing. We won't penalize you or retaliate against you in any way if you file a complaint.

Changes to this Notice

We may change the terms of this Notice and our privacy policies anytime. If we do, the new terms and policies will be effective for all the information we now have about you. And they'll apply to any information that we may get or hold in the future.

If we make material or important changes to our privacy practices, we will promptly revise our Notice.

You can ask for a copy of the revised Notice, just ask the CVS Health Privacy Office.

We will also post the revised Notice in our physical locations where we provide services and on our website. Go to [CVS.com/content/patient-privacy](https://www.cvs.com/content/patient-privacy).

There will also be copies at our sites and locations where you receive health care products and services from us.

Effective Date: This Notice is effective as of September 1, 2025.

Customer care

Quality and care

If you have concerns about your care, please contact the pharmacy manager at your dedicated CVS Specialty® pharmacy or call the phone number on your prescription label. If your specialty pharmacy does not handle the issue to your satisfaction, please call the Specialty Escalation Line at **1-855-264-3240**.

Returns

CVS Specialty follows your doctor's order carefully. You cannot return or exchange medications after they have been sold to you. Be sure to tell us the exact amount you have on hand when you schedule your next order. We cannot give credit for medication you do not use. Make sure you follow the treatment plan that your doctor gave you.

Quality and care are important to us. If you have a comment or concern about the services you receive from CVS Specialty, you can call The Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) at **1-855-937-2242** or The Joint Commission at **1-800-994-6610**, or write to:

**The Office of Quality Monitoring
The Joint Commission
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181**

Discrimination is Against the Law

(ACA § 1557)

CVS Specialty® complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex (consistent with 45 CFR § 92.101(a)(2)). CVS Specialty does not exclude people or treat them less favorably because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

CVS Specialty:

- Provides people with disabilities reasonable modifications and free appropriate auxiliary aids and services to communicate effectively with us, such as:
 - Qualified sign language interpreters
 - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language assistance services to people whose primary language is not English, which may include:
 - Qualified interpreters
 - Information written in other languages

If you need reasonable modifications, appropriate auxiliary aids and services, or language assistance services, call Customer Care at **1-866-322-0984** (TTY: 711).

If you believe that CVS Specialty has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, you can file a grievance with:

Civil Rights Coordinator
Attn: 1557 Coordinator
CVS Pharmacy, Inc.
1 CVS Drive, MC 2332,
Woonsocket, RI 02895

Email: Coordinator1557@CVShealth.com
Fax: **401-652-9935**

You can file a grievance in person or by mail or email. If you need help filing a grievance, the Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf, You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at:

**U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201**

1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at:
HHS.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html

This notice is available at the CVS Specialty website: CVSspecialty.com

Want to know more about managing your condition?

Visit [CVSpecialty.com/Resource-Center](https://www.cvspecialty.com/Resource-Center)



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