

What are compounded medications and what does my prescription drug plan cover?

Compound medications combine, mix or alter the ingredients of one or more drugs or products to create another drug or product. Compounded medications can contain substances that have not been rigorously tested for safety or effectiveness. Additionally, not all compounded medications are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the prescribed route of administration or the ingredients they contain.

Your prescription drug plan only covers the federal legend drug ingredient of a compounded medication when all of the following criteria are satisfied:

1. The compounded medication is not used in place of a commercially available federal legend drug in the same strength and formulation unless medically necessary;
2. The compounded medication is specifically produced for use by a covered person to treat a covered condition;
3. The compounded medication including all sterile compounded products is made in compliance with Chapter 465, Florida Statutes.

Additionally:

1. Over-the-counter (OTC) products and bulk powders, bulk chemicals, and proprietary bases used in compounded medications are not covered; and,
2. Reconstitution of oral powders is not considered compounding. The compounding pharmacist must bill the NDC of the product used in the quantity of final reconstituted volume.

To ensure you receive the best value possible and do not incur any unnecessary costs, please speak with your health care provider to get a prescription for an FDA-approved medication that may be used to treat your condition.