



AmeriHealth Caritas™

District of Columbia

To: AmeriHealth Caritas DC Providers

Date: October 2, 2026

Subject: Effective January 1, 2027, AmeriHealth Caritas DC Will Transition its Pharmacy Benefit Management Services to Optum Rx

AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia (DC) will conclude pharmacy benefit management operations with PerformRx effective December 31, 2026. Effective January 1, 2027, AmeriHealth Caritas DC will transition its pharmacy benefit management services to Optum Rx. Optum Rx will manage claims processing, rebates, mail order, and network contracting. AmeriHealth Caritas' Pharmacy Department will manage Formulary, Clinical Programs, Prior Authorizations and Enrollee Services.

- The change to OptumRx will not affect the formulary.
 - The formulary is periodically updated, so please consult the list regularly to find the most current covered drugs as well as those drugs that require prior authorization.
 - The formulary for AmeriHealth Caritas DC can be found at <https://www.amerihealthcaritasdc.com/member/medicaid/drug-formulary>.
- The telephone number or process for requesting prior authorizations will remain the same during this transition.
 - Prior authorizations will be processed internally at AmeriHealth Caritas.
 - For questions about prior authorizations, call **202-408-4823** or **1-800-408-7510**.
 - The process and forms for submitting a prior authorization request can be found at <https://www.amerihealthcaritasdc.com/provider/resources/prior-auth>.
- We are working to ensure all pharmacies available in our current network will remain available after our transition to Optum Rx. The change to Optum Rx may impact some of the contracted pharmacy network available to our enrollees. Impacted enrollees will be made aware if their pharmacy is affected.
- If a pharmacy that is not already part of the Optum Rx network chooses not to join, we will assist your patient in locating a new pharmacy within the Optum Rx network.
 - The contracted pharmacies for AmeriHealth Caritas DC can be found at <https://acdc.darwinrx.com/pharmacylocator>.
- The Pharmacy Clinical Prior Authorization telephone number will not change. Providers can call **1-888-602-3741** for questions about prior authorizations and/or pharmacy benefits and services.
- The Pharmacy Enrollee Services telephone number will not change. Enrollees can call **1-888-452-3647** to ask about prior authorizations and/or other questions that they may have about pharmacy benefits and services.

Questions:

If you have questions about this communication, please contact your Account Executive.

Sincerely,
AmeriHealth Caritas DC