OptumRx to cover colonoscopy bowel prep medications at no cost share beginning August 1

OptumRx will begin covering certain bowel preparation medications for preventive colonoscopies without cost sharing beginning Aug. 1, 2016. The departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and the Treasury recently clarified that bowel preparation medications listed below will be covered at no cost share when:

        **Prescribed**as necessary before a planned preventive colonoscopy (even if the products are sold over-the-counter)

        **Filled at a network pharmacy**

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| **Colonoscopy Bowel Preparation Medications to be Covered**  **at No Cost-Share Effective August 1, 2016** | | | |
| **OTC** | **Medications** | **Population\*** | **Reason** |
|  | Bisacodyl EC | **Recommended**  **Age 50 – 75** | **Bowel preparation for colonoscopy needed for**  **colon cancer screening** |
|  | Magnesium Citrate |
|  | PEG 3350 (generic Miralax) |
| **Rx** | **Medications** |
|  | **Generic Colyte 240/22.74g sold as:**     PEG-3350/electrolytes     Gavilyte-C |
|  | **Generic Golytely 236/22.7g sold as:**     PEG-3350/electrolytes     Gavilyte-G |
|  | **Generic Nulytely sold as:**     PEG-3350/NaCl/NaBicarbonate/KCl     Gavilyte-N     Trilyte |

\*State differences may apply.

The cost of this new coverage is expected to be low due to less frequent use of this benefit and the lower cost of these over-the-counter and generic medications (laxatives). The United States Preventive Task Force recommends one colonoscopy every 10 years for members at “average risk” of developing colon cancer.

As always, members can learn more about their medication coverage by:

        Calling the pharmacy number on their ID card

        Using the OptumRx mobile app

        Logging into [optumrx.com](http://optumrx.com/)