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https://provider.nevadahealthsolutions.org/production

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866-611-5960 (24/7) 800-791-7658 (Home Delivery) 877-838-2907 (Specialty)

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Inactive Providers - November

The following is a list of providers* that are <u>no longer active</u> as a Plan Provider on the Culinary Health Fund provider network:

| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | TITLE | SPECIALTY | |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------|---------------------|--|
| RODRIGUEZ JR | HUMBERTO | MD | GEN/FAMILY PRACTICE | |
| GROUP NAME | | | SPECIALTY | |
| EXTREMITIES SURGICAL INSTITUTE | | | ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY | |
| LUBHNA AHMED, MD PC | | | ENDOCRINOLOGY | |
| SOUTHWEST AUTISM & BEHAVIORAL | | | | |
| SERVICES LLC | | | ABA THERAPY | |

^{*}List provided monthly

Walk-In Appointments at CHC clinics

The Culinary Health Centers are now offering "Convenience Care" for our members.

Convenience Care is an extended hours walk-in service to provide fast, high-quality care for minor illnesses and injuries, including:

- Colds, cough, flu, earaches, sore throats, and sprains
- Vaccinations
- Physical exams
- X-rays, CT scans, ultrasounds (8am-10pm)
- Lab Services (8am-5pm)
- Pharmacy services (8am-7pm)

No appointment is needed and there are no copays for any of the services mentioned above.

Convenience Care walk-in appointments are available from 8am-10pm, Monday through Friday and 10am-10pm on Saturday at both Culinary Health Center locations: Durango and Nellis.

Holiday Check Runs

With the holiday season approaching, we wanted to let you know that there will be a change to the date that payments are sent out for December.

Instead of the check run falling on Wednesday, December 25, the check run will instead be moved to **Monday**, **December 23**.

Instead of the check run falling on January 1, the check run will instead be moved to Monday, **December 30**.

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Pharmacy Updates for January, 2025

Optum Rx announces the January 2025 updates to their Premium Formulary.

This update for January 2025 resulted in the following drugs being moved to excluded* status:

| Excluded drug name | Drug class | Preferred product | Rationale |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Adalimumab- adaz | Inflammatory conditions | Amjevita for Nuvaila | Lower cost alternative |
| Adderall | CNS stimulant | Amphetamine/Dextroamphetamine | Generic |
| Cardizem LA 120mg tablet | Calcium channel blocker | Diltiazem 120mg tab extended release | Generic |
| Cyltezo | Inflammatory conditions | Amjevita for Nuvaila | Lower cost alternative |
| Emflaza | Glucocorticosteroids | Deflazacort | Generic |
| Humira | Inflammatory conditions | Amjevita for Nuvaila | Lower cost alternative |
| Hyrimoz | Inflammatory conditions | Amjevita for Nuvaila | Lower cost alternative |
| Syprine | Chelating agents | Trientine cap | Generic |
| Velphoro chewables | Phosphate binders | Calcium carbonate tab, calcium acetate tab, lanthanum carbonate chew tab, sevelamer carbonate tab, sevelamer HCl tab | Lower cost alternative |
| Victoza | GLP-1 agonist | Liraglutide, Bydureon, Byetta, Mounjaro, Ozempic, Rybelsus, Trulicity | Lower cost alternative |

^{*}A medical necessity review is available for any member needing to remain on an excluded medication after January 1st.

In addition, the following drugs will be moving to non-preferred tier status for January 2025:

| Non-preferred drug name | Drug class | Preferred product | Rationale |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Cimerli | Ophthalmic agents | Bevacizumab | Lower cost alternative |
| Mulpleta | Hemopoietic growth factors | Doptelet | Lower cost alternative |
| Nutropin AQ | Growth hormone | Norditropin, Omnitrope | Lower cost alternative |

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|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Preferred drug name | Drug class | Change |
| Auryxia | Phosphate binders | Excluded to tier 3 |
| Cutaquiq | Immune globulin | Excluded to tier 3 |
| Enbrel | Inflammatory conditions | Tier 3 to tier 2 |
| Omvoh | Inflammatory conditions | Tier 3 to tier 2 |
| Panzyga | Immune globulin | Excluded to tier 3 |
| Sotyktu | Inflammatory conditions | Tier 3 to tier 2 |
| Taltz | Inflammatory conditions | Tier 3 to tier 2 |
| Wezlana | Inflammatory conditions | Added at tier 2 |