

## **Specialty Drugs**

**Definition of specialty drugs:** Specialty drugs are generally prescribed for people with complex or ongoing medical conditions such as multiple sclerosis, hemophilia, hepatitis C and rheumatoid arthritis. These high cost medications also have one or more of the following characteristics: injected or infused, but some may be taken by mouth; unique storage or shipment requirements; additional education and support required from a health care professional; and usually not stocked at retail pharmacies.

### **Specialty Pharmacy Network:**

Your specialty network will either be the Prime Therapeutics Specialty Pharmacy Network or the Open Network. Contact the customer service telephone number on the back of your identification card to verify which specialty network applies to your benefit plan. The customer service representative can assist you with determining which pharmacies are in your network.

### **Retail Specialty Drugs:**

- Prime Therapeutic Specialty Pharmacy Network – The drugs included on the [Specialty Drug List](#) can only be filled by Prime Specialty Pharmacy.
- Open Network - The drugs included on the [Specialty Drug List](#) can be filled by any pharmacy contracted with Prime Therapeutics to dispense specialty drugs at any specialty pharmacy.

### **Physician-Administered Specialty Drugs:**

- Alabama Prescribing Physician:
  - These drugs include drugs on the [Physician-administered Specialty Pharmacy Drug Management List](#).
- Outside Alabama Prescribing Physician:
  - Ancillary provider guidelines apply. The prescribing physician must obtain medication from a specialty pharmacy network that is contracted with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plan for that state where the prescribing is located.