DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

Important: This notice explains your right to appeal our decision. Read this notice carefully. If you need help, you can call one of the numbers listed under the section titled “Get help & more information.”

12201 Bluegrass Parkway
Louisville, KY 40299
844-214-8633

NOTICE OF DENIAL OF MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

Date: 11/09/2021	
Enrollee's Name: TEST CARDHOLDER	Member Number: TEST4050NFTF03

Your request was denied
We have denied coverage or payment under your Medicare Part D benefit for the following prescription drug(s) that you or your prescriber requested: AMBIEN 10 MG TABLET

Why did we deny your request?
We denied this request under Medicare Part D because:

This is a test Patient Explanation.

The criterion used to make this decision was Signature Advantage (HMO ISNP) CMS approved Non Formulary Exception (NFE) Request-2 Medicare criteria. This criteria can be found in the above section of this letter under “*Please continue to read for more information and the criteria (requirements) used to make this decision*” or in the Formulary/Drug Coverage section of your prescription benefits information.

You should share a copy of this decision with your prescriber so you and your prescriber can discuss next steps. If your prescriber requested coverage on your behalf, we have shared this decision with your prescriber.

What If I Don't Agree With This Decision?
You have the right to appeal. If you want to appeal, you must request your appeal within 60 calendar days after the date of this notice. We can give you more time if you have a good reason for missing the deadline. You have the right to ask us for a **formulary exception** if you believe you need a drug that is not on our list of covered drugs (formulary). You have the right to ask us for a **coverage rule exception** if you believe a rule such as prior authorization or a quantity limit should not apply to you. You can either provide information that shows that you meet the coverage rule that applies to the drug you are requesting or you can ask for a coverage rule exception. You can ask for a **tiering exception** if you believe you should get a drug at a lower cost-sharing amount. Your prescriber must provide a statement to support your exception request.

Who May Request an Appeal?
You, your prescriber, or your representative may request an expedited (fast) or standard appeal. You can name a relative, friend, advocate, attorney, doctor, or someone else to be your representative. Others may already be authorized under State law to be your representative.

You can call us at: 833-803-4397 to learn how to appoint a representative. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, please call us at TTY: 711.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS

There Are Two Kinds of Appeals You Can Request

Expedited (72 hours): You, your prescriber, or your representative can request an expedited (fast) appeal if you or your prescriber believe that your health could be seriously harmed by waiting up to 7 days for a decision. You cannot request an expedited appeal if you are asking us to pay you back for a prescription drug you already received. If your request to expedite is granted, we must give you a decision no later than 72 hours after we get your appeal.

- **If your prescriber** asks for an expedited appeal for you, or supports you in asking for one, and indicates that waiting for 7 days could seriously harm your health, **we will automatically expedite your appeal.**

- If you ask for an expedited appeal without support from your prescriber, we will decide if your health requires an expedited appeal. We will notify you if we do not give you an expedited appeal and we will decide your appeal within 7 days.

Standard (7 days): You, your prescriber, or your representative can request a standard appeal. We must give you a decision no later than 7 days after we get your appeal. If your appeal is for payment of a drug you've already received, we'll give you a written decision within 14 days.

What Do I Include with My Appeal Request?
You should include your name, address, Member number, the reasons for appealing, and any evidence you wish to attach. Remember, your doctor must provide us with a supporting statement if you're requesting an exception to a coverage rule. You should include information about why the coverage rule should not apply to you because of your specific medical condition. If your appeal relates to a decision by us to deny a drug that is not on our formulary, your prescriber must indicate that all the drugs on any tier of our formulary would not be as effective to treat your condition as the requested off-formulary drug or would harm your health.

How Do I Request an Appeal?

For an Expedited (Fast) Appeal: You, your prescriber, or your representative can file an appeal by telephone, by fax, through the plan's website, or by mail. **A verbal request by telephone is the fastest way to file an expedited (fast) request.**

Phone: 833-803-4397

TTY: 711

For a Standard Appeal: You, your prescriber, or your representative can file an appeal by telephone, by fax, through the plan's website, or by sending a letter to the mailing address listed below.

Phone: 833-803-4397

TTY: 711

Fax: 1-877-503-7231

Plan Website: www.signatureadvantageplan.com

Address: Elixir
2181 E. Aurora Rd., Suite 201
Twinsburg, OH 44087
Attn: Appeals Department

What Happens Next?
If you appeal, we will review your case and give you a decision. If any of the prescription drugs you requested are still denied, you can request an independent review of your case by a reviewer outside of your Medicare Drug Plan. If you disagree with that decision, you will have the right to further appeal. You will be notified of your appeal rights if this happens.

Get help & more information

- Signature Advantage (HMO ISNP) Toll Free: 844-214-8633 TTY users call: 711
- October - March: 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. April - September: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- www.signatureadvantageplan.com
- 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours, 7 days a week. TTY users call: 1-877-486-2048
- Medicare Rights Center: 1-888-HMO-9050 (1-888-466-9050)
- Elder Care Locator: 1-800-677-1116
- State Health Insurance Program National Technical Assistance Center: 877-839-2675

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CMS does not discriminate in its programs and activities: To request this form in an accessible format (e.g., Braille, Large Print, Audio CD) contact your Medicare Drug Plan. If you need assistance contacting your plan, call: 1-800-MEDICARE.

Request for Redetermination of Medicare Prescription Drug Denial

Because we, Signature Advantage (HMO ISNP), denied your request for coverage of (or payment for) a prescription drug, you have the right to ask us for a redetermination (appeal) of our decision. You have 60 days from the date of our Notice of Denial of Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage to ask us for a redetermination. This form may be sent to us by mail or fax:

Address:
Elixir
2181 E. Aurora Rd., Suite 201
Twinsburg, OH 44087
Attn: Appeals Department

Fax Number:
1-877-503-7231

You may also ask us for an appeal through our website at www.signatureadvantageplan.com.
Expedited appeal requests can be made by phone at 833-803-4397.

Who May Make a Request: Your prescriber may ask us for an appeal on your behalf. If you want another individual (such as a family member or friend) to request an appeal for you, that individual must be your representative. Contact us to learn how to name a representative.

Enrollee's Information

Enrollee's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Enrollee's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Enrollee's Member ID Number _____

Complete the following section ONLY if the person making this request is not the enrollee:

Requestor's Name _____

Requestor's Relationship to Enrollee _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Representation documentation for appeal requests made by someone other than enrollee or the enrollee's prescriber:

Attach documentation showing the authority to represent the enrollee (a completed Authorization of Representation Form CMS-1696 or a written equivalent) if it was not submitted at the coverage determination level. For more information on appointing a representative, contact your plan or 1-800-Medicare.

Prescription drug you are requesting:

Name of drug: _____ Strength/quantity/dose: _____

Have you purchased the drug pending appeal? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes":
Date purchased: _____ Amount paid: $ _____ (attach copy of receipt)

Name and telephone number of pharmacy: _____

Prescriber's Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Office Phone _____ Fax _____

Office Contact Person _____

Important Note: Expedited Decisions
If you or your prescriber believe that waiting 7 days for a standard decision could seriously harm your life, health, or ability to regain maximum function, you can ask for an expedited (fast) decision. If your prescriber indicates that waiting 7 days could seriously harm your health, we will automatically give you a decision within 72 hours. If you do not obtain your prescriber's support for an expedited appeal, we will decide if your case requires a fast decision. You cannot request an expedited appeal if you are asking us to pay you back for a drug you already received.

☐ **CHECK THIS BOX IF YOU BELIEVE YOU NEED A DECISION WITHIN 72 HOURS (if you have a supporting statement from your prescriber, attach it to this request).**

Please explain your reasons for appealing. Attach additional pages, if necessary. Attach any additional information you believe may help your case, such as a statement from your prescriber and relevant medical records. You may want to refer to the explanation we provided in the Notice of Denial of Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and have your prescriber address the Plan's coverage criteria, if available, as stated in the Plan's denial letter or in other Plan documents. Input from your prescriber will be needed to explain why you cannot meet the Plan's coverage criteria and/or why the drugs required by the Plan are not medically appropriate for you.

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Signature of person requesting the appeal (the enrollee or the representative):

_____ **Date:** _____