

2023 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan - Standard and Basic Option**Section 5. Benefits****Section 5(f). Prescription Drug Benefits**

Patient Safety and Quality Monitoring (PSQM)

We have a special program to promote patient safety and monitor healthcare quality. Our Patient Safety and Quality Monitoring (PSQM) program features a set of closely aligned programs that are designed to promote the safe and appropriate use of medications. Examples of these programs include:

- Prior approval – As described on page [107](#), this program requires that approval be obtained for certain prescription drugs and supplies before we provide benefits for them.
- Safety checks – Before your prescription is filled, we perform quality and safety checks for usage precautions, drug interactions, drug duplication, excessive use, and frequency of refills.
- Quantity allowances – Specific allowances for several medications are based on U.S. FDA-approved recommendations, national scientific and generally accepted standards of medical practice guidelines (such as Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Medical Association, etc.), and manufacturer guidelines.

For more information about our PSQM program, including listings of drugs subject to prior approval or quantity allowances, visit our website at www.fepblue.org or call the Retail Pharmacy Program at 800-624-5060, TTY: 711.