

# Specialty Integration Formulary



As new high cost drugs continue to enter the Canadian market, employers are faced with difficult decisions in balancing employee needs with plan affordability. To assist, RWAM Insurance Administrators is pleased to introduce the **Specialty Integration Formulary\***.

RWAM's Specialty Integration Formulary maintains comprehensive drug coverage for most commonly prescribed medications, while excluding Specialty Drugs which have alternative provincial or pharmaceutical manufacturer funding.

## Specialty drug expenditures accounted for 27% of total drug spend for companies in Canada\*\*

Typically, Specialty Drugs are prescription medications that require special handling, administration or monitoring. These drugs are used to treat complex, chronic and often costly conditions.

The Specialty Integration Formulary targets Specialty Drugs that have alternate provincial or pharmaceutical manufacturer funding. The remaining Specialty Drugs will continue to be considered based on a group's plan design, managed by prior authorization and/or RWAM's specialty Preferred Pharmacy Network (PPNs), where applicable.

To assist plan members who require a Specialty Drug, RWAM is pleased to offer a concierge service to help navigate potential coverage through provincial programs or direct from a pharmaceutical manufacturer.

\* Available for Ontario residents only

\*\*According to Express Scripts Canada (ESC)

## How will Plan Members be affected?

Most Plan Members will experience no change in their coverage. However, the revised formulary may affect some individuals who are currently taking, or will be prescribed, a Specialty Drug by their Specialist or Physician.

Coverage for those drugs listed on the Specialty Drug Integration Formulary list will no longer be covered by the employer plan, but rather will be funded in coordination with the Trillium Drug Program or through a pharmaceutical manufacturer patient assistance program.

To assist those Plan Members who are affected by this change, RWAM is pleased to offer a Concierge Service, which will provide information and support on alternate funding programs available.

The Trillium Drug Program is an Ontario provincial government financial assistance program. Information can be accessed by contacting either RWAM's Concierge Service or the Trillium Drug Program at:

### RWAM's Concierge Service

RWAM Claims at 1-877-888-7926  
(Monday - Friday, 8:00am-7:00pm)

### Trillium Drug Program

[www.ontario.ca/page/get-help-high-prescription-drug-costs](http://www.ontario.ca/page/get-help-high-prescription-drug-costs)

\* According to Express Scripts Canada plan coverage details, limitations and exclusions.