

# We've got lower-cost site of care options for specialty drugs



See how the Clinical Site of Care Review program works for your employees

## The big picture

We're always looking for ways to help you manage health care costs. That's why we're offering Clinical Site of Care Review. We've made doctors in our plans aware of this program, so they can tell your employees who need these drugs about their choices.

## How it works

When a doctor submits an approval request for giving a specialty drug in an outpatient hospital setting, other choices like home infusion therapy (HIT) or ambulatory infusion sites (AIS) will be listed. The doctor will need to note why care in the outpatient hospital setting is medically necessary. If the reason doesn't meet the new guidelines for medical necessity, it won't be approved. If it's medically necessary for a drug to be given in the outpatient hospital setting, approval will be offered.

## The result

For coverage requests where we've approved the drug as medically necessary, but we don't consider the outpatient hospital setting medically necessary, we can approve coverage for:

- Drugs infused in a doctor's office. This means the doctor can buy and bill for the drug or order it through Anthem's CVS specialty pharmacy and give it to your employees once the doctor gets it in his or her office.
- Drugs infused or injected at an AIS or from a licensed HIT provider. This is likely more convenient and less costly to your employees.

If employees or the doctor don't want to use the lower-level site of care, they can appeal our decision by explaining why the outpatient hospital setting is more appropriate.

## How it benefits you

When your employees choose a nonhospital setting for their specialty drug infusions and injections, you may see your overall claim costs go down.

## How it benefits your employees

Through Clinical Site of Care Review, your employees may reduce their out-of-pocket costs and enjoy the convenience of getting services during evening and weekend hours or in their own homes.

## The member experience

We believe your employees will appreciate having more ways to get quality, safe care, while reducing overall costs when possible.

**To learn more about Clinical Site of Care Review, contact your pharmacy account manager.**

Employees can call the Member Services number on their ID card to find out how much they can save by switching their site of care.