



Frequently Asked Questions Prescription Override

What is a prescription override?

A prescription override is a request to have a prescription filled for more than a 30 day supply or filled at a pharmacy outside of the state.

Who is eligible for the override?

Overrides can be requested by a student traveling *outside* of the state or for more than a 30 day period. A student traveling should contact BCBS Member Services in order to transfer the prescription to a participating pharmacy.

What information is needed to process a prescription override?

Students must fill out a Prescription Override Request Form and include a copy of their travel itinerary or acceptable travel information. Examples of accepted travel information are plane tickets, confirmations from online travel purchases and visas.

How do I request an override?

The student or pharmacist must call **BCBS Member Services** at **888-753-6615** in order to request a Prescription Override. Member Services will ask several questions concerning prescriptions required, travel time and location.

How many months of prescriptions may be requested?

Prescriptions may be filled for the amount of time the member will be on vacation or studying abroad for up to 12 months. If additional months of prescriptions are needed beyond the termination date of the plan, Gallagher will need to confirm and process a student's eligibility before processing the override request. If eligibility can not be confirmed and updated, a student will need to pay out of pocket for the prescriptions and mail in the receipt to the claims company for reimbursement.

How long does it take to process an override?

Allow up to 3 business days to process the override.

When can a prescription override be filled?

An override can only be filled within 2 weeks of a student's departure date, no exceptions.

How and when is the student notified that the override has been processed?

When a Prescription Override Request Form is received, an email response is sent out, confirming the appropriate information has been received. Once the request is approved, the student will receive a call back stating they are all able to go to the pharmacy, and to pickup the prescription within the next 48 hours. Prescriptions not picked up within the 48 hour timeframe will have to be reprocessed.

Are there exclusions that may apply?

There are no additional exclusions as a result of requesting an override, but certain prescriptions are not covered under the plan. For example, most topical creams, hair growth supplements, and steroids are excluded. Please refer to the exclusions listed in the brochure for questions regarding prescription policy coverage.