



About Specialty Drugs

What is a “Specialty Drug?” Specialty drugs often:

- treat diseases without a cure.
- treat rare diseases.
- have extra special instructions on how to use them.
- require special handling (example: refrigeration).
- are not stocked in regular pharmacies.
- are very expensive.

Examples of common specialty drugs are Humira, Enbrel, Cosentyx, HIV medicines, and cancer medicines. Specialty drugs are mostly sold by Specialty pharmacies (there are exceptions to this though). Specialty pharmacies are different from the retail pharmacy stores you find in your neighborhood (like CVS, Walgreens, etc.). Specialty pharmacies use the mail to send prescriptions to your home, to your doctor’s office, or to a medical office. Specialty pharmacies are not usually stores that are open to the public. The following Specialty Pharmacies are in the MedStar Family Choice network:

- Alfa Specialty Pharmacy: **301-754-2532**
- Biomatrix Specialty Pharmacy of Maryland: **888-662-6779**
- Lifeline Specialty Pharmacy: **833-454-3354**
- MedStar Specialty Pharmacy: **410-540-4615**
- CVS Specialty Pharmacy: **800-237-2767**
- GBMC Specialty Pharmacy: **443-849-6809**
- Glenmore Specialty Pharmacy: **410-426-7000**
- Masters Specialty Pharmacy: **240-651-5966**

Specialty drugs are available in specialty pharmacies, but some specialty drugs are also available in retail store pharmacies. For instance, HIV medicines are considered specialty drugs but are available through both types of pharmacies.

If you need a specialty drug, you can use ANY in-network pharmacy that is able to fill your prescription. In other words, you are not required to use a specialty pharmacy when a retail store pharmacy can fill your specialty drug prescription too. Talk to your doctor about what pharmacy you want to use for your specialty medicine.

If you need help getting your medicine, please call MFC Member Services at **888-404-3549**.