

## New Wisconsin step therapy law goes into effect for 2020

Effective for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2020, a new step therapy law (Wisconsin Act 12) will go into effect in the state of Wisconsin. This law will apply to **both prescription and medical pharmacy drugs** that have step therapy components. It applies for the following lines of insurance: commercial, federally facilitated exchange, large group, small group, self-insured and Family Health Center.

The new law does include provisions for medical exceptions. Products with generics and biosimilars are exempt from the exception process. [Read Wisconsin Act 12.](#)

For Jan. 1, Security Health Plan is implementing a biosimilar strategy to address newly released oncology chemotherapy biosimilars. The oncology chemotherapy biosimilars will only be required for new starts. Members currently established on therapy may continue until the end of their course of treatment **if all other medical necessity criteria is met**. At this time, all oncology chemotherapy biosimilars will be preferred **in parity**.