

Civil Service Commission
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: IMPORTANT PRESCRIPTION DRUG INFORMATION FOR ACTIVE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES ENROLLED IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN PPO	

BCBSM REPLACES ESI AS PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT MANAGER

Beginning January 1, 2010, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) will replace Express Scripts, Inc. (ESI) as the Prescription Drug Benefit Manager for the State Health Plan PPO. BCBSM will administer all retail and mail order prescriptions. This change is the result of a competitive bid process for the administration of the State Health Plan PPO's Prescription Drug Plan. BCBSM participates with approximately 58,000 pharmacies nationwide, including participation with 98% of all pharmacies in Michigan.

ID CARDS

You will no longer use your Express Scripts ID Card for prescription drugs effective January 1, 2010. Instead, you will use your new BCBSM ID Card for retail and mail order prescriptions. Your new ID card will be mailed to you prior to January 1, 2010, and should be presented when receiving health, prescription drug, and/or vision services (if enrolled). You will also receive a prescription drug "Welcome Kit" from BCBSM in the mail.

RETAIL PRESCRIPTIONS

You will not need to request a new prescription from your doctor, unless you have prescriptions that have expired. When you refill or submit new prescriptions at retail, you will need to notify your pharmacy that you have a change in your prescription drug insurance effective January 1, 2010.

MAIL ORDER PRESCRIPTIONS

The Mail Order Program will be administered through Medco, BCBSM's mail order pharmacy. Mail order prescriptions on file with ESI prior to January 1, 2010 will be transferred to Medco. If your prescription has expired, or is for controlled substances or compound drugs, you must submit a new prescription to Medco. (Compound drugs are prescriptions where the pharmacist prepares the final product.) For prescriptions needed on or after January 1, 2010, orders may be placed with Medco beginning December 15, 2009.

SPECIALTY DRUG PRESCRIPTIONS

Specialty drug prescriptions previously handled by Curascripts will now be handled by OptionCare. A 30-day supply of specialty drug prescriptions can be obtained at a retail pharmacy, and a 90-day supply can be obtained through OptionCare's mail order pharmacy.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS

All prior authorizations on file with ESI will transfer to BCBSM.

QUESTIONS

For questions concerning **retail** prescriptions, please call the BCBSM State of Michigan Call Center at (800) 843-4876 or go to www.bcbsm.com.

For questions concerning **mail order** prescriptions **before January 1, 2010**, please call the BCBSM State of Michigan Call Center at (800) 843-4876. For questions **after January 1, 2010**, please call Medco at (866) 229-5806 or go to www.medco.com.

For questions concerning **specialty drug** prescriptions, please call OptionCare at (866) 515-1355.