



HEALTH BENEFITS DIGEST

JANUARY 2018

Changes to the Prescription Drug Program

CVS Caremark has made small changes to the list of prescription drugs (called the formulary) covered by the CCPF pharmacy plan in 2018. Some drugs previously on the formulary have been removed and replaced with alternative drugs.

CVS sent letters to any member affected by this change to let them know what alternative drugs are covered by the plan in 2018, how to

switch prescriptions, and how to get a doctor's request for a medical exception to cover a non-formulary drug. Call CVS at **1-888-752-7231** or visit www.caremark.com to view a list of 2018 formulary drugs.



The formulary helps manage the cost of a member's copays for brand name drugs and new drugs coming on the market.

READY FOR PICK-UP



YOU SAVE ON PRESCRIPTION COPAYS WHEN YOU ...

- Use generic medications.
- Fill a prescription for a 90-day supply at a CVS pharmacy, or use the CVS Caremark mail order.

You pay the most out-of-pocket for a non-preferred brand name drug or non-formulary drug. Talk to your doctor about getting a prescription for a generic or a preferred brand name drug. See copay information on next page.



SOMETIMES YOU'LL EVEN PAY LESS THAN THE COPAY

When the actual cost of the drug is less than the copay, you will pay the drug cost instead of the copay. When the drug costs more than the copay, you pay the copay.

The bottom line: You will never pay more than the copay and sometimes may pay less.



WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions for opioid medications will have new supply limits and safety controls. A member's doctor will need to complete a prior authorization for opioid prescriptions beyond these limits and controls.



READ THIS IF YOU'RE MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE

Keep your address up-to-date with the Social Security Administration (SSA)—even if you don't get a social security check.

The SSA handles Medicare enrollment:

You may not get your Medicare Part B premium bill if the SSA does not have your correct address. And if your bill is unpaid, your Medicare Part B will be cancelled and your enrollment in CCPF's health plan will be terminated. Call **1-800-772-1213** to report your change of address to the SSA, or visit your local Social Security office. You can also update your information by visiting www.ssa.gov.



HERE'S THE LATEST ON MEDICARE CARDS

Medicare is mailing new cards to all Medicare members between April 2018 and April 2019. The new cards will have a unique Medicare ID number, which replaces the social security number. This will help protect Medicare members' identity.

If you are enrolled in Medicare, you do not need to do anything to get a new card. Medicare will automatically mail you a card to your address on file with SSA. You **DO NOT** need to send the Cook County Pension Fund (CCPF) a copy of your new Medicare card.

IMPORTANT: Medicare will never ask you to give personal or private information to get a new card.



KEEP YOUR ADDRESS UP-TO-DATE

Have you moved recently? Don't forget to notify CCPF. Call **312-603-1200** to request a **Change of Address** form to complete and mail back to us. You can also visit us online at CookCountyPension.com to download a copy.



PLAN AHEAD TO MEET WITH A BENEFITS COUNSELOR

At the new CCPF office, benefits counselors are ready to meet privately with you. If you want to visit our office, schedule an appointment in advance by calling **312-603-1200**.



2018 PRESCRIPTION DRUG COPAYS

Non-Medicare Retirees

CVS Caremark

Prescription Copays	30-day Supply at Retail Pharmacy	90-day Supply at CVS or Caremark Mail Order
Generic	\$10	\$20
Preferred Brand	\$35	\$65
Non-preferred Brand	\$50	\$100

Medicare Retirees

SilverScript

Prescription Copays	30-day Supply at Retail Pharmacy	90-day Supply at CVS or Caremark Mail Order	90-day Supply at Non-CVS Pharmacy
Generic	\$10	\$20	\$30
Preferred Brand	\$35	\$65	\$105
Non-preferred Brand	\$50	\$100	\$150