

Prescription Drug Coverage: Express Scripts

Express Scripts Welcomes Howard County Public School System Members

Express Scripts is the company chosen by Howard County Public School System to take care of your prescription benefit plan starting January 1, 2012. We're here to help you save money and get the best service on prescriptions for you and your family. Your Express Scripts plan includes:

- 24-hour, 365-day-a-year Patient Care Contact Center at 1-877-866-5859
- a national network of over 50,000 pharmacies
- Home Delivery for your medications from the Express



Copayments for Your New Prescription Program HMO

Prescriptions from a Pharmacy in-Network*	Prescriptions from the Express Scripts Pharmacy (Mail Order)
Up to a 30-day supply	Up to a 90-day supply
Generic Medication: \$5	Generic Medication: \$10
Preferred Brand-Name Medication: \$10	Preferred Brand-Name Medication: \$20
Non-Preferred Brand-Name Medication: \$25	Non-Preferred Brand-Name Medication: \$50

Copayments for Your New Prescription Program PPO

Prescriptions from a Pharmacy in-Network*	Prescriptions from the Express Scripts Pharmacy (Mail Order)
Up to a 30-day supply	Up to a 90-day supply
Generic Medication: \$10	Generic Medication: \$20
Preferred Brand-Name Medication: \$20	Preferred Brand-Name Medication: \$40
Non-Preferred Brand-Name Medication: \$35	Non-Preferred Brand-Name Medication: \$70

** To receive the in-network level of benefits, you must use a pharmacy in the Express Scripts network*

Scripts Pharmacy

How to Get Prescriptions from a Participating Pharmacy

You'll receive a card with your prescription ID number in your welcome package. You'll need to show this ID card to your pharmacist each time you get a prescription filled. To locate pharmacies near you that are in the Express Scripts network, visit our Web site at www.express-scripts.com.

How to Use Home Delivery

To take advantage of added savings and the convenience of our Home Delivery program for maintenance medications, just complete the New Patient Home Delivery Form that you will find in your plan's welcome package. You only need to fill out this form once for each family member. Mail each form, original prescription(s) and copayment(s) in the self-addressed envelope. Please allow 14 business days to

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receive your prescription.

How to Use CuraScript

CuraScript®, the Express Scripts Specialty Pharmacy, is a full service specialty pharmacy that provides personalized care to individuals with chronic, complex health conditions. CuraScript offers several comprehensive patient care management programs specific to major medical conditions such as cancer, hemophilia, hepatitis, multiple sclerosis, psoriasis, pulmonary arterial hypertension, respiratory syncytial virus, rheumatoid arthritis and more. Through the patient care management programs, You can receive a complete range of services and specialty medication—many of which are costly and often unavailable at retail pharmacies—through disease-specific management programs.

CuraScript provides:

- **Patient Counseling**—Convenient access to highly trained specialty experts, including pharmacists, nurses and patient care coordinators who provide the support you need to manage your condition.
- **Patient Education**—Clinicians and disease-specific educational materials available 24/7.
- **Convenient Delivery**—Coordinated delivery to your home, your doctor's office or any other approved location.
- **Refill Reminders**—Ongoing refill reminders from a patient care coordinator.
- **Language Assistance**—Translation services are available for non-English speaking patients.

To learn more, please call 866-848-9870.

How to Use Prior Authorization

Some prescription drugs require a Prior Authorization review in certain situations before being covered.

To initiate a Prior Authorization request, have your healthcare professional contact Express Scripts Prior Authorization at 800-417-8164.

How to Use Step Therapy

Step Therapy is a program designed for people who regularly take prescription drugs to treat ongoing medical conditions, such as arthritis, asthma or high blood pressure. Step Therapy is all about health and value—about getting the most effective medication for your money. That means getting a tried-and-true medication that's proven safe and effective for your condition at the lowest possible cost.

What is Step Therapy?

In Step Therapy, prescription medications are grouped into categories:

- Step 1 medications are generic drugs that have been rigorously tested and approved by the FDA. These medications should be prescribed first because generics can provide the same health benefit as more-expensive medications but a lower cost.
- Step 2 medications are brand-name drugs such as those you see advertised on TV. They're recommended for you only if a Step 1 medication doesn't work for you. Step 2 medications almost always cost more.

What if my doctor prescribes a Step 2 medication?

If your doctor prescribes a Step 2 medication, ask if a generic (Step 1) medication may be right for you. Please share your formulary—the list of prescription drugs covered by your plan—with your doctor. The pharmacy will not automatically change your prescription; your doctor must write a new prescription for you to change from a Step 2 medication to a Step 1 medication. If a Step 1 medication is not a good choice for you, then your doctor can request prior authorization to determine if a Step 2 medication will be covered by your plan.

Who decides which prescription drugs are included?

Step Therapy is developed under the guidance and direction of independent licensed doctors, pharmacists and other medical experts. Together with Express Scripts—the company chosen to manage your prescription-drug benefit—they review the most current research on thousands of prescription drugs tested and approved by the FDA for

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safety and effectiveness. Then they recommend appropriate prescription drugs for the Step Therapy Program, and the HCPS chooses the medications that will be covered in your pharmacy benefit plan.

For more information on Step Therapy, visit www.Express-Scripts.com or call 1-877-866-5859

24-Hour Customer Service

If you have questions about your prescription benefit plan, please call Express Scripts at the phone number on the back of your prescription card; the number will be effective starting January 1, 2012.

Have you ever had questions regarding your prescription-drug benefit plan—such as: Which drugs are covered? or How can I save money on my prescriptions?

Express Scripts, the company chosen to manage your prescription-drug plan, has the answers to these questions and more at www.express-scripts.com.

Express Scripts provides 24-hour online access to information regarding your prescription benefit. Visit the website today to:

- Learn how you could save money
- Order prescription refills and check order status*
- Renew expired prescriptions*
- Check the price of a drug
- View or print a list of drugs included in your formulary (drug list)
- Locate participating retail pharmacies near you
- View up to 24 months of your prescription history
- Better understand your benefit coverage

Register now at www.express-scripts.com.

Accessing your prescription benefit online is quick and easy; just go to www.express-scripts.com and complete our brief registration process to get started. You'll have the information you need about your prescription benefit right at your fingertips.

