



STAFF MEMO

Date: April 20, 2015

To: All Employees Enrolled in the Prescription Plan Benefits

From: Allen Associates

Re: RX Alliance/Benecard Prescription Plan
New Features Effective July 1, 2015

Effective July 1, 2015, the prescription plan will include two new features:

- 1) Mandatory Mail Order Service for Specialty Pharmacy Medications, and
- 2) Elimination of Walgreens Retail Pharmacy in our network

These new features will significantly contain costs of the program, and the Specialty Pharmacy delivery service will be greatly enhanced to provide members with better service.

We would like to share some helpful information with you:

- Refills can be transferred from Walgreens to another pharmacy upon your request
- Most other local chain stores, supermarkets and other retail outlets, like Wal-Mart and Target, plus the independent pharmacy stores, are available to you, some of which are 24 hour locations
- Specialty Pharmacy Medications will require a new prescription be submitted to Benecard Central Fill with a Mail Service Order Form, sample attached. Or, your physician can call Benecard member services at 877-723-6005 to initiate your first mail order prescription. All members with existing prescriptions will receive a one-time courtesy fill to allow time for the new mail order process to begin

Please feel free to contact Allen Associates Benefits Specialists if you need assistance. Rose and Annie are available Monday through Friday from 8:00AM - 5:00PM at 856-692-2250; or email rose@allenassoc.com , annie@allenassoc.com .

Sample of Specialty Medications Driving Drug Costs

Therapeutic Category	Specialty Medication	Average cost* per 30 day supply	Annual Average Cost
Rheumatoid Arthritis	Humira®	\$5,700	\$68,400
Multiple Sclerosis	Betaseron®	\$5,200	\$62,400
Cancer	Afinitor®	\$11,500	\$138,000
	Sovaldi®	\$28,000	\$84,000 (12 week period)
Hepatitis C	Harvoni®	\$30,000	\$90,000 (12 week period)
	Viekira Pak®	\$2773	\$83,319 (12 week period)
Growth Hormone Deficiencies	Norditropin®	\$7,500	\$90,000
Cystic Fibrosis	Kalydeco®	\$30,000	\$360,000
Osteoporosis	Forteo®	\$1,600	\$19,200

*Prices vary by dose.

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