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To: All Plan Participants with Prescription Drug Coverage

Flu Shot Coverage

The Plan Trustees have extended their arrangement through Sav-Rx to coordinate influenza vaccinations for Plan participants this fall. Sav-Rx was able to contract with most major pharmacy chains for Plan participants to receive the standard influenza injectable vaccination at a special reduced rate.

The Plan will assume the entire cost of the immunization, with no co-pay required from you.

To take advantage of this offer, simply visit a pharmacy in the Sav-Rx network that administers flu shots and present your Sav-Rx identification card. The cost will be billed to the Fund.

You can contact Sav-Rx at 800-228-2181 to locate a participating pharmacy or go online to <http://www.savrx.com/>

Step Therapy Program

The Step Therapy Program through Sav-Rx is designed to ensure you take the most cost-effective medications to treat certain conditions. The program promotes the use of generic medications because they are proven to be as safe and effective as brand name medications for most patients, but cost much less. In addition, under your Prescription Drug benefit, your co-pay is less expensive when you purchase generics!

The Step Therapy Program groups certain medications into "steps". Generic medications, which are the most cost effective, fall into the "first-step" category, preferred brand-name medications fall within the "second-step" category and non-preferred brand-name medications, which are the least cost effective, fall into the "third-step" category. The Step Therapy Program steers members to take first-step medications prior to coverage of a second step medication and to take a second step medication prior to coverage of a third step medication.

Recently this program was expanded to include beta blockers, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, Lyrica, overactive bladder drugs and migraine medications. However, those individuals currently using brand-name drugs in these categories will be "grandfathered" and not required to follow the protocol of generics first. Newly prescribed patients will be subject to these steps with the first attempt to fill a targeted medication.

Feel free to contact Sav-Rx at 800-228-2181 with any questions.