

"Your Prescription Drug Benefit"

January 1, 2020

Effective January 1, 2020, your Prescription Drug benefit will be provided through a partnership between Allegiant Rx and OptumRx offering a network of retail pharmacies, home delivery services and exclusive access to OptumRx's Specialty Pharmacy. Please review the following information carefully and maintain it along with your Summary Plan Description.

This change will **not affect** your existing prescription drug benefit including the existing:

- co-payment structure
- mandatory mail order for maintenance medications
- mandatory generic substitution

Please refer to your Summary Plan Description for the current co-payment structure and plan limitations.

New ID cards will be issued in **December 2019**. You will also be receiving a "Welcome Kit" from OptumRx.

Changes in your Prescription Drug benefit are outlined below:

- Walgreens was added back as a participating in-network pharmacy.
- A 90-day retail option using the CVS Saver Plus network was added.
- A Premium Formulary list* was instituted – which **excludes** certain drugs from coverage and instead covers other drugs that do the same thing.

*The Premium Formulary list will be available on the Tri-State Joint Fund website trifund.com and/or the Local Fund office. Participants who are currently taking a medication on the list will be sent a letter so they can talk to their doctor about other covered drugs.

In addition to the above changes the Board of Trustees also opted to participate in the following four (4) utilization management programs offered by OptumRx:

1. Vigilant Drug Program –
 - New Drugs to Market (required with Premium Formulary) - Temporarily excludes newly launched products until reviewed by the National Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee
 - "Me Too" – Excludes medications with similar chemical composition to existing medications
 - Non-Essential - Excludes non-FDA approved products or those deemed unnecessary

- High-Cost Generics – Excludes higher-cost generic products when a therapeutically equivalent, lower-cost generic is available
 - Medical Benefit Specialty – Excludes high-cost specialty products administered at inpatient facilities
2. Opioid Risk Management Program –
 - Controlled Substance Tighter Refill Window
 - Utilization Management
 - OptumRx Home Delivery – maximum 30-day supply
 3. Specialty Smart Fill Program – optimizes medication fulfillment to the clinical needs of the participant
 4. Medication Synchronization Program – aligns prescription refill dates at the retail pharmacy for many common medications used to treat chronic conditions

On January 1, 2020, mail-order prescriptions with refills remaining will be transferred from the Express Scripts mail-order pharmacy to the OptumRx mail-order pharmacy. Your prescription must not be expired and must be refillable to be transferred. Be sure to refill your prescriptions prior to the transition to OptumRx so you don't run out of medications.

New prescriptions will be required for those that cannot be transferred, which includes controlled substances and compound medications.

You will be able to refill your mail-order prescriptions in the following ways:

- ❖ Visit [optumrx.com](https://www.optumrx.com) and activate your account by registering with your ID number and current prescription number
- ❖ Call the OptumRx customer service number – 1-844-805-9802 – have your prescription number available
- ❖ Mail the hard copy script to the address below:
 - OptumRx
 - P.O. Box 2975
 - Mission, KS 66201
- ❖ Your physician can fax a prescription to 1-800-491-7997

Nothing will change with prescriptions obtained at a participating retail pharmacy. Remember to show your **new ID Card** at the pharmacy after December 31, 2019.

If you currently obtain a specialty drug from Accredo, you will now obtain your prescription from OptumRx's Specialty Pharmacy. Participants will be contacted via mail and/or telephone call. You can also contact OptumRx's Specialty Pharmacy at 1-855-427-4682.

Allegiant Rx will remain your Pharmacy Benefit Manager and you should continue to call them for any benefit related questions or help with your prescriptions.