



The following is additional information regarding the changes to the prescription drug plan, administered by Express Scripts, effective January 1, 2019:

**1. All Specialty Medications must be filled through Accredo, the Express Scripts specialty pharmacy.**

- Most AUHSD employees and their family members will not be impacted by this change because most of our enrolled members are not taking prescription drugs that are classified as specialty drugs. In fact, less than 1% of AUHSD employees and their family members will be affected by this new program.
- Specialty medications are used to treat complex medical conditions, such as Rheumatoid Arthritis, Hepatitis C, Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, Cancer, HIV, and Multiple Sclerosis.
- Employees and covered family members who are taking a specialty drug or who are prescribed a specialty drug after January 1, 2019, will need to fill the prescription(s) through Accredo.
- Accredo offers safe and prompt delivery, personalized care, 24/7 availability and safe drug monitoring.
- If you have questions as to whether the prescription drug you or a family member are taking is classified as a specialty drug, please contact Express Scripts at 866.727.5892.

**2. SaveonSP, a specialty pharmacy copay assistance program.**

- Most AUHSD employees and their family members will not be impacted by this change because most of our enrolled members are not taking prescription drugs that are classified as specialty drugs. In fact, less than 1% of AUHSD employees and their family members will be affected by this new program.
- Employees and their family members who are taking one of the specialty drugs that are part of this program in 2018, will receive communication from SaveonSP in the fall of 2018, to enroll in the program for a January 1, 2019, effective date.
- New enrollees or members who are newly prescribed one of these specialty drugs ([www.saveonsp.com/auhsd](http://www.saveonsp.com/auhsd) - Double click on the list to enlarge) in 2019, will be identified by Accredo when they first attempt to fill the prescription, and put in contact with SaveonSP to enroll in the program.
- Members in the SaveonSP program will have their select specialty medications covered at 100% (no copay or cost to the enrolled member).
- Specialty medications are not one of the ten Essential Health Benefits under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and are therefore considered non-essential health benefits. (Under the Affordable Care Act [ACA], there are ten categories of services that must be covered under a health plan; these are referred to as Essential Health Benefits. Services that fall outside of these ten categories are considered non-essential health benefits under the ACA.)
  - As non-essential health benefits, the cost of such specialty drugs will not be applied toward satisfying the member's out-of-pocket maximum on the prescription drug plan.
  - Copays for the specialty medications that fall under the SaveonSP program will be set to the **available manufacturer-funded copay assistance amount.**
  - Should you or your covered family member qualify for the SaveonSP program (because a prescription drug that you take or are prescribed is part of the list of specialty drugs covered under this program), and decline to sign up with the SaveonSP program, your prescription drug copay will be the amount stated on the SaveonSP program drug list, which will represent a **significant cost to you.**

### **3. SafeGuard RX, a complex condition management program.**

- Most AUHSD employees and their family members will not be impacted by this change because most of our enrolled members are not in treatment for one of these complex conditions which are managed under this program. In fact, less than 1% of AUHSD employees and their family members will be affected by this new program.
- Employees and covered family members who are in treatment for Hepatitis C, Inflammatory Conditions, Oncology, Multiple Sclerosis, and Rare Conditions in 2018 will receive communication from Express Scripts in the fall of 2018 to assist with enrollment into the program for a January 1, 2019, effective date.
- New enrollees or members who are newly diagnosed with one of these complex conditions in 2019, will receive communication to enroll in the program.
- The program provides high-touch clinical support to help patients manage their complex conditions and maintain better medication adherence to achieve high therapy completion rates and greater compliance with clinical guidelines.

### **4. Custom Diabetes Test Strip.**

- All diabetes test strips will be placed into the Generic Drugs Tier with a copayment of \$7 retail for a 30-day supply or \$14 mail order for a 90-day supply.
  - Employees and covered family members who utilize diabetes test strips experience the lower copayment effective January 1, 2019.
  - The custom program will support testing adherence to assist patients in monitoring and controlling their diabetes condition to maintain overall health.