

## EGYPTIAN AREA SCHOOLS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST

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**TO:** All Egyptian Trust Covered Members

**FROM:** Jeff Dosier, Chair, Matt Klosterman, Vice-Chair  
Tom Dahncke & Leo Hefner, Consultants to the Trust

**RE:** PBM / Transplant Language Changes Effective June 1, 2017

### **Change in PBM Services.**

In action taken by the Board of Managers at their February 27, 2017 meeting, Egyptian Trust covered members will see a change to Express Scripts from CVS / Caremark, effective June 1, 2017. This action came after the Trust's Benefits Committee recommended the change to Keenan Pharmacy Services in a contract they hold with Express Scripts. Keenan partners with the National School Board Association (NSBA) and has over 500,000 lives in their PBM program. In a review of actual Trust pharmacy claims from 2016 and applying Keenan's Express Scripts contract pricing terms to those claims, Keenan identified savings in the amount of \$2,671,508. The cost of participation in Keenan's program is less than the administration costs in the current Scrip World contract. Additionally, an optional, independent program called Keenan Pharmacy Care Management identifies an additional \$865,000 in annual savings for the Trust.

Keenan prepared a disruption report to identify pharmacies Trust members used in 2016 that are not in the ESI pharmacy network, with only three retail pharmacies located in Illinois, one in Schaumburg, one in Monticello and one in Bethalto.

Like CVS/Caremark, ESI has a retail 90 program where members can buy 90 day fills of maintenance drugs at participating retail pharmacies. All mail order scripts will need to be moved to Express Scripts' mail order pharmacy and specialty medications will have to be filled through Express Scripts' specialty pharmacy, Accredo. **There will be no change in prescription drug benefits or co-pays for members**, but there will be minor differences in the drug formulary. Where those differences impact a member, they will be "grandfathered" for at least a 90-day period after June 1<sup>st</sup>, with alternative options reviewed with them prior to any recommended change in ingredients. Those impacted by step therapy medications will also be grandfathered with a 130 day "look back" period. New ID cards and more detailed information about this change will be distributed before the June 1<sup>st</sup> implementation date.

### **Change in Transplant Benefits.**

The Plan document describes two different sets of transplant requirements and limitations, one for transplants performed at facilities in the Aetna Institute of Excellence (IOE) Transplant Programs and the other for transplants performed at all other in-network and out-of-network facilities. The Board of Managers also amended Plan language to provide coverage for solid organ, tissue and stem cell transplants only at Aetna Institute of Excellence (IOE) facilities. Meritain determined that in recent years all such transplants covered by the Trust have been performed at IOE facilities.

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