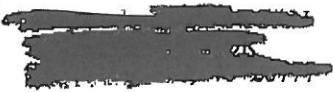


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**Avoid paying more
for your medications**

Dear _____

The State Health Plan wants you to know about a clarification of your pharmacy benefit and **upcoming changes in how your prescription plan covers compound drugs**. Our records show that you have filled a prescription for a compound drug in the past six months. These changes are being made to help ensure the quality of compound drugs and safety of members like you.

Compound drugs are prepared by a pharmacist when mixing or altering ingredients to create unique medications that are specific for an individual patient. Many times, compound drugs are prepared with bulk chemicals. Bulk chemicals have not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as drugs; therefore, they are not considered Plan-covered prescription drugs.

What you need to know:

Effective September 1, 2013:

- Compound drugs using bulk chemicals will no longer be covered through the Plan.

Effective October 1, 2013:

- Prescriptions for compound drugs whose total cost exceeds \$200 will not be covered unless you get approval through a coverage review (prior authorization).

What you can do to help avoid delays in getting the medication you need:

- If you're not sure whether your compound drug uses bulk chemicals, ask your pharmacist.
- If your compound drug's total cost is higher than \$200 and you want it to be covered by the Plan, please ask your provider to call Express Scripts at 800-417-1764 to arrange a review. **If your provider doesn't call and get approval, you'll be responsible for the full cost of the compound drug.** So, please have your provider contact Express Scripts before October 1.

Also, if any of these changes affect your medication, you may want to ask your provider whether an alternative FDA-approved covered prescription drug would be right for you.

For more information regarding prescription drug coverage, please contact Express Scripts Member Services toll-free at 800-336-5933.

Sincerely,

State Health Plan Pharmacy Services

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