

Prescription Benefit Management Company to Change July 1, 2009

Effective July 1, 2009 the University's prescription drug plan, including the mail order option, will be administered by Express Scripts.

Employee copays will remain as follows:

	RETAIL (30 day supply)	MAIL ORDER (3 month supply)
Generic	\$10	\$15
Brand Name (if Generic Available and Not Used)	Full cost difference between Brand Name and Generic Drug.	
Brand Name (if No Generic Available)	\$20	\$30
Non-Formulary Drug	\$30	\$45

Employees will receive new prescription drug cards in late June for use at local and regional pharmacies such as CVS, Kroger, Wal-Mart, and etc. as well as access to the Express Scripts mail order program.

Why is the University Changing to Express Scripts?

The University is joining the the Rx Ohio Collaborative (RxOC), which has contracted with Express Scripts for pharmacy benefit management. The RxOC is a joint venture initiated by The Ohio Public Employee Retirement System, State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, School Employees Retirement System, and The Ohio State University. The main purpose of the RxOC is to provide the best value in drug coverage and health programs to public sector employees, retirees, and dependents via leveraging collective size in pursuing prescription benefits administration. The RxOC has been able to obtain very competitive pricing structures in its negotiations for prescription benefit plan administration with Express Scripts. By joining the RxOC and Express Scripts, Ohio University will take advantage of the favorable pricing, which will help mitigate rising prescription drug costs for employees and the University.

What will happen to my prescriptions or refills at a retail pharmacy such as CVS, Kroger, Wal-Mart, and etc.?

You will still be able to pick up prescriptions and/or refills at retail pharmacies. In late June, you will receive a new prescription benefit identification card. Simply present the new card to the pharmacist when picking up your prescription or refill after July 1, 2009. You will continue to pay the copays listed above.

What will happen to my mail order prescriptions?

If you have refills remaining for a mail order prescription, **your refills will automatically transfer to Express Scripts**. You will not need to get a new prescription from your doctor until you run out of refills or your prescription expires. *(Please note that refills for controlled drugs or compound prescriptions are not allowed to transfer. Examples of controlled drugs include Darvocet, Tylenol #3, and Vicodin. If you need a refill of a controlled or compound drug, you will need to submit a new prescription to Express Scripts.)*

If you have a prescription that has expired or does not have refills and wish to use the mail order option, you will need to submit a new prescription to Express Scripts.

University Human Resources and Express Scripts will be distributing further information to employees regarding this change throughout May and June.