

New Prescription Drug Administrator

What is changing as of January 1, 2018?

The Joint Governance Board is pleased to announce that Navitus Health Solutions has been chosen as the Consortium’s prescription drug administrator effective January 1, 2018. **The CVS/Caremark/SilverScript plan will be terminated after December 31, 2017.**

Navitus is a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) that is committed to lowering drug costs and improving health. Navitus provides expert customer service that builds trust and confidence. Since its inception in 2003, Navitus has challenged the status quo. Navitus' founder believed that the current state of the PBM industry could no longer stand as the benchmark for decision-makers to select their PBM providers, and that the business model must challenge the status quo to ensure complete alignment of interests between the PBM and its clients. Navitus puts people first, provides the tools to drive better outcomes, and uses data to *Share a Clear View* to support informed decisions.

Why are we doing this?

Our goal is to provide access to a high-quality health care experience, while managing the cost of the plan. We believe creating more transparency around pharmacy cost and quality will encourage Consortium members to utilize alternative high-quality, lower-cost drugs that provide the best value.

What is not changing?

We are happy to announce that there are no changes to the pharmacy plan design, such as copay structure and annual out-of-pocket maximums.

Current Plan Copay and Annual Out-Of-Pocket Maximums:

Tier	31-Day Supply Retail Network Copays	90-Day Supply Retail Network Copays	90-Day Supply Mail-order Copays
Tier 1 - includes preferred generics and some lower-cost brand products	\$5 copay	\$5 copay	\$5 copay
Tier 2 - includes preferred brand products and some higher-cost non-preferred generics	\$35 copay	\$70 copay	\$70 copay
Tier 3 - includes non-preferred products; may include some high-cost non-preferred generics	\$50 copay	\$100 copay	\$100 copay

Tier	31-Day Supply Retail Network Copays	90-Day Supply Retail Network Copays	90-Day Supply Mail-order Copays
Tier 4 - includes specialty products available at specialty pharmacies	\$100 copay	\$200 copay	\$200 copay
Annual Out-Of-Pocket Maximums	\$800 for Individual and \$1,600 for Family		

How am I impacted by this change?

Even though there are no changes to the pharmacy plan design, you may be impacted by the change in the plan formulary (a list of drugs covered by the plan), and pharmacy network (places where you fill your prescriptions).

In addition, with Navitus we are moving to an evidence-based formulary that offers drugs in the lower copay tier based on efficacy and cost within the drug class. In the past, generic medications were typically the lowest-cost options for prescription medications. But this is not always the case today. Because of this trend, Navitus has organized its formulary in a way that provides the best value to plan members.

Navigating new evidence-based formulary ***

The majority of generics will remain on Tier 1, but some higher-cost generics will move to Tier 2 and Tier 3. Additionally, select lower-cost brands will move to Tier 1.

Navitus has either removed high-cost medications from the formulary or moved them to higher tier copays that have effective lower-cost alternatives available in the covered drug class. This means that if you are on a high-cost generic drug currently on Tier 1 on the CVS Caremark formulary that is moving to Tier 2 on the Navitus formulary, then you will pay the higher Tier 2 copay (\$35 copay). You will have the option to switch to an effective lower-cost alternative with a lower Tier 1 copay (\$5 copay).

If you are identified as taking a medication that is negatively impacted due to a tier placement change or a drug that is no longer covered, a letter will be sent to you from Navitus with drug alternatives, so that you can discuss the change with your physician.

Similarly, even though there are no changes to specialty medication coverage, you may find that the Navitus evidence-based formulary limits certain specialty drugs to a 30-day supply without a prior authorization. This requirement helps eliminate potential drug waste to the plan and members. Specialty medications are expensive (some can cost more than \$10,000 a prescription) and sometimes patients have to switch or stop therapies for different reasons (up to one-third of patients may need to stop or change medications for certain types of therapies). If more than a 30-day supply is purchased, thousands of dollars in medications could potentially be discarded.

Navigating the new pharmacy network ***

The Navitus pharmacy network includes over 67,000 retail pharmacies nationwide. Starting January 1, 2018, Consortium members can use any participating retail network pharmacy for short-term medication needs, such as antibiotics, for up to a 31-day supply. If you are on long-term (maintenance) medications for such chronic conditions as high blood pressure, asthma, diabetes, etc., you can fill a 90-day supply through either Navitus' mail order partner, NoviXus Pharmacy Services, or Navitus' extensive 90-day retail network.

Retail Network (up to 31-day supply):

The Navitus retail pharmacy network includes local brick-and-mortars, such as Yorktown Pharmacy, in addition to such large retailers as Walgreens, Rite Aid, Shoprite and CVS. You can obtain up to a 31-day supply at retail pharmacies.

You can request that your new pharmacy work with your previous pharmacy to have your prescription refills transferred, if necessary.

90-day Retail Network:

Navitus has designed an exclusive 90-day retail network that provides additional discounts to the plan and membership. This new 90-day retail network **will not include CVS Pharmacy**, but includes such pharmacies as Walgreens, Rite Aid, ShopRite, and Stop & Shop. For a complete list for your area, please see the pharmacy listing available on Navitus' member portal at www.navitus.com or call Navitus' Customer Care team at 866-333-2757 for assistance in selecting a low-cost pharmacy.

Mail Order Pharmacy:

You can also obtain up to a 90-day supply through Navitus' mail-service partner, NoviXus Pharmacy Services. If you currently have a mail order prescription with CVS/Caremark with refills remaining, your refills will be automatically forwarded from CVS/Caremark to NoviXus (**not applicable to Medicare Part D retirees due to CMS limitation**). You will have to register on NoviXus.com and request your next refill on the website or by calling NoviXus, (888) 240-2211.

How can I get more information? ***

In early November, you will receive a welcome letter from Navitus with additional information about your benefits and Navitus.

In mid-December, you will receive your new identification cards and member booklets. Please use the new ID card for your prescription benefits as of 1/1/2018.

Helpful tips ***

- If you are currently taking a maintenance medication delivered through mail order, register with NoviXus beginning 12/15/17, and confirm that your refills transferred successfully.
- If you are taking a maintenance medication through a retail pharmacy, you will need to provide your new member ID card to the pharmacy beginning 1/1/2018.

- *Note:* If you are receiving a 90-day supply through CVS Pharmacy, beginning 1/1/2018 you will need to work with a new 90-day retail network pharmacy such as Walgreens, Rite Aid, ShopRite, and Stop & Shop. You can either request that your new pharmacy contact CVS Pharmacy to transfer the prescription or request that your provider send a new prescription to the new pharmacy.
- If you are taking a specialty medication, Lumicera Specialty Pharmacy will be in contact with you to transfer your prescription and manage your care.
- To find a network pharmacy, visit Navitus' member portal at www.navitus.com or call Navitus' Customer Care team at 866-333-2757.
- Prior to 1/1/2018, to confirm if your medications will be covered and at what tier, call Navitus Customer Care at 866-333-2757. After 1/1/2018, you can visit the Navi-Gate for Members portal and reference the formulary for drug coverage.

Navitus will be onsite and available for questions at the following employee meetings:

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2017
 Time: 3:30 P.M.
 Location: Somers Middle School Auditorium
 250 RT 202
 Somers, NY 10589

Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2017
 Time: 3:15 P.M.
 Location: Putnam Valley High School Cafeteria
 146 Peekskill Hollow Road
 Putnam Valley, NY 10579

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017
 Time: 3:15 P.M.
 Location: PNW BOCES Tech South Amphitheater
 200 BOCES Drive
 Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

******If you are a participant in the retiree benefits, please reference your enrollment materials specific to your plan being mailed to you. Your plan benefits may differ from the above stated benefits to meet CMS requirements.***

Navitus Customer Care

866-333-2757, or TTY 711

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Navitus MedicareRx (PDP) Customer Care

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