

# P/NW Health Benefits Consortium

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<a href="http://www.aetna.com/index.htm">http://www.aetna.com/index.htm</a>	Aetna customer service – 877-223-1685
<a href="http://www.express-scripts.com">http://www.express-scripts.com</a>	Express Scripts customer services – 866-790-8282
<a href="http://www.PNWMeds.com">http://www.PNWMeds.com</a>	PNWMeds/CanaRx – 866-893-6337

## **New Prescription Drug Program for Medicare Eligible Retirees and Their Medicare Eligible Family Members**

As part of the new federal health care reform law, a new prescription benefit option for Medicare eligible retirees and their dependents became available. This new program will replace the current prescription drug program, effective January 1, 2012, for retirees, and their family members, who are Medicare eligible and currently have primary prescription drug coverage through the Consortium.

The new program will be administered by Express Scripts, Inc. and will be almost identical to your current plan. This program is **ONLY** available to retirees, and their family members, who are Medicare eligible and for whom the Consortium is primary payer.

New ID cards will be mailed to your home address in December if you are being enrolled in the new program.

Current prescriptions that have been written within the past year will be transferred automatically.

If you have another prescription drug plan which is primary, then this new program will not be available to you. You will remain enrolled in the current prescription drug plan for secondary coverage.

If you currently have access to the PNW Meds program through CanaRx, you will continue to have access to that program.

**If you are eligible for the new program you will be enrolled automatically. If you are eligible for the new program, but opt out, you will NOT be permitted to retain your current drug benefit.**

Most drugs will have the same copays that are payable today. However, there will be a small number of drugs that will become non-preferred brand drugs that are currently preferred brand drugs and also a small number of drugs that will become preferred brand drugs that are currently non-preferred brand drugs. Please see the attached list.

Retail pharmacy, up to a 31-day supply

Generic	\$10
Preferred Brand	\$25
Non-Preferred Brand	\$40

Express Scripts Mail Order, up to a 90-day supply

Generic	\$10
Preferred Brand	\$25
Non-Preferred Brand	\$40

PNW Meds/ CanaRx, up to a 90-day supply

Generic	Not available
Preferred Brand	\$0, if generic not available
Non-Preferred Brand	\$0, if generic not available

There is **NO** additional premium for the new coverage. **However, if your income exceeds \$85,000 single/\$170,000 family, then the Social Security Administration may assess an additional charge which will be deducted directly from your monthly Social Security check.**

Express Scripts will send out more information to retirees very soon. In addition, representatives of Express Scripts and the Consortium will be onsite to answer questions:

Date: **November 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Time: 2-4PM  
Where: **Putnam/ Northern Westchester BOCES**  
Tech South Auditorium  
200 BOCES Drive  
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598.

Date: **November 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Time: 2-4PM  
Where: **Lakeland Central School District**  
High School Auditorium  
1349 East Main St.,  
Shrub Oak, NY 10588