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Transition from Express Scripts Prescription Drug Coverage to CVS/caremark

EPC is transitioning the prescription drug coverage from Express Scripts to CVS/caremark on January 1, 2019. While Anthem will retain the medical portion of the coverage through the EPC, the prescription drug coverage will move from Express Scripts to CVS/caremark. The following is important information as it may impact your coverage:

1. **ID CARDS:** You will have one ID card for Anthem medical and another from CVS/caremark for prescription coverage. If you use the Anthem card at the pharmacy, Anthem will say you do not have prescription drug coverage as of January 1, 2019. Please use your CVS/caremark card at the pharmacy.

Please check your mail for these items. The prescription card will be in an envelope from Southwestern OH EPC. This is not junk mail!

2. **NETWORK PHARMACIES:** While prescriptions are administered through CVS/caremark, you are not required to use CVS retail pharmacies for prescriptions. You can continue to use any CVS/caremark network pharmacy, including Kroger's, Walgreens and Wal-Mart.
3. **MAINTENANCE CHOICE:** You can use mail order for 90-day prescriptions **OR** purchase them at the local CVS Retail pharmacy for the **SAME** cost. Only certain maintenance medications are eligible for this program. Check with CVS/caremark after January 1st to see if your medication is eligible.
4. **MAIL ORDER:** Express Scripts will transfer your prescription information and any remaining refills to CVS/caremark. However, before CVS/caremark can fill a prescription you will need to contact them to set up your mailing preference and payment method.
 - a. If you use mail order and you need a refill prior to January 1, 2019, you can call Express Scripts and ask for a vacation override (as though you will be out of town) to fill the script early. Otherwise, you may have to get a 30-day prescription at a retail pharmacy while CVS/caremark sets up the new mail order.



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5. **RETAIL PHARMACY:** If you use a retail pharmacy, simply use your new CVS/caremark drug card as of January 1, 2019. If you do not have your CVS/caremark drug card, have the pharmacist call CVS/caremark at 1-800-421-2342 to confirm coverage. You will also be able to log on to www.caremark.com and print a copy of your ID card.
6. **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION:** Certain prescriptions may need prior authorization (PA) from CVS/caremark. Authorizations processed through Express Scripts will transfer to CVS/caremark. Please make sure your physician knows your coverage will change January 1, 2019 and give them your new Anthem and CVS/caremark ID cards.
7. **SPECIALTY MEDICATION:** Express Scripts will transfer all specialty medication information to CVS/caremark. You will receive a mailing informing you of the transition steps. Please make sure to review these steps to ensure continuing delivery of your medication.
8. **FORMULARY:** The CVS/caremark formulary (list of drugs) will have some changes compared to Express Scripts. CVS/caremark will notify you if your current medication is no longer covered. The Express Scripts formulary will also have changes as of January 1, 2019, and you may receive a mailing from them. Disregard this information as your coverage with Express Scripts ends December 31, 2018.
9. If you have any questions on your prescription coverage you can contact CVS/caremark at 1-888-202-1654, or log on to www.caremark.com as of **January 1, 2019**. You will not be able to use these resources until then. If you have questions or have a special case that needs to be expedited, please contact a member of the EPC Benefits Team for additional assistance.

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