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# OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ALL-EMPLOYEES MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 24, 2015

# EMPLOYEE MEDICAL HEALTH PLAN (EMHP) OF SUFFOLK COUNTY IMPORTANT CHANGES REGARDING PRESCRIPTION BENEFITS ADMINISTERED BY WELLDYNE RX

<u>Note:</u> These changes <u>only</u> apply to Active and Non-Medicare eligible retirees/dependent survivors and their eligible dependents, <u>not Medicare eligible retirees/dependent survivors enrolled in the Express Scripts Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.</u>

As part of our continuing effort to provide our members with important updates regarding the Employee Medical Health Plan of Suffolk County (EMHP), the Labor/Management Committee, which oversees the EMHP, would like to provide you with important information concerning a new prescription benefits management program; specifically, Compound Management Program for compound medications.

### COMPOUND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR COMPOUND MEDICATIONS Effective January 1, 2016

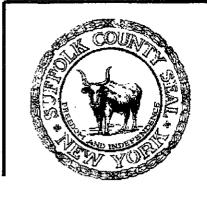
The EMHP Labor Management Committee has agreed to implement WellDyneRx's Compound Management Program for compound medications effective January 1, 2016. Under this program, ALL compound medication prescriptions will require prior authorization before they can be filled. The prior authorization process is as follows:

- Ask your doctor to fax or mail a prior authorization request to WellDyneRx's PA Department at 888-473-7875 or call 866-240-2204 to speak to a Prior Authorization Specialist.
- If the medication is approved, your prescription will be filled as per the approval.
- If the medication is <u>not</u> approved, please consult with your prescribing provider. As always, you may have your original prescription filled at retail but then <u>you must pay the full cost of the medication</u>.

Dennis M. Cohen Chief Deputy County Executive

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## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ALL-EMPLOYEES MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 1, 2015

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### IMPORTANT CHANGES REGARDING PRESCRIPTION BENEFITS ADMINISTERED BY WELLDYNE RX

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As part of our continuing effort to provide our members with important updates regarding the Employee Medical Health Plan of Suffolk County (EMHP), the Labor/Management Committee, which oversees the EMHP, would like to provide you with important information concerning a new prescription benefits management programs; specifically, "Rx Intercept Program" that may lower copayments for certain specialty medications.

### RX INTERCEPT PROGRAM FOR SPECIALTY MEDICATIONS

### Effective January 1, 2016

To maintain affordable access to increasingly more expensive medications, the EMHP Labor Management Committee has agreed to implement a program called "Rx Intercept" for certain specialty medications effective January 1, 2016. For most participants, out-of-pocket costs will be lower than what you have been paying. Program participation for lower copay or no copay is awarded for successful "Rx Intercept Program" participation only and is subject to the drug's inclusion in the "Rx Intercept Program". For reference, attached is the list of "Rx Intercept Program" medications that currently have manufacturer copay coupons or patient assistance programs available. Medications may be added or discontinued from this program at any time by manufacturers, without notice. If your medication is discontinued from this program, a patient advocate from WellDyne's specialty pharmacy, USSC, will advise you prior to your next fill. This list is continually updated as coupons and programs are added or discontinued. Please check the website, emhp.welldynerx.com or call US Specialty Care (USSC), WellDyne's specialty pharmacy, at 1-800-641-8475 for a current list of medications covered under this program or to determine if your medication is in the program.

If you choose <u>not</u> to participate in this program, covered medications may still be obtained subject to satisfying all other plan requirements **BUT** you will pay a higher copayment, which will be the amount of your applicable Plan copay plus the difference in the value of any coupon, which could result in thousands of dollars in costs to the member!

Enrollment in this program is easy.

#### How to Enroll:

Enrollment is fast. USSC will provide you with the information needed to enroll directly with the manufacturer. Enrollment with the manufacturer will only take a 5- to 10-minute telephone call. Once enrolled, you will qualify for coverage under the "Rx Intercept Program" and be eligible for the lowest possible copay.

- When you call for prior authorization for a new specialty medication or refill a specialty medication, a USSC representative will advise you if there are any manufacturer programs that you may be eligible for and provide you with the information needed to enroll; or
- You may contact USSC directly at 1-800-641-8475 to determine if this program applies to your specialty medication.

As long as your medication is covered under the program and you continue to participate, you may be able to obtain your current medication at no cost!

If you previously received your medication from a retail pharmacy, you may be contacted by a USSC representative to arrange for delivery of your medication through the WellDyneRx's specialty pharmacy.

If you have questions regarding this program, please call WellDyneRx's specialty pharmacy, USSC, at 1-800-641-8475.

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#### **Rx Intercept Medication List**

The Rx Intercept program provides members affordable access to expensive specialty medications, and will help you save money. Medications included in the Rx Intercept program are shown below. If you are taking one of these medications and would like to participate in the program, call US Specialty Care at 1-800-641-8475 to enroll. You should also enroll in all applicable manufacturers' copay coupon programs or patient assistance programs that you are eligible for.

**Please Note:** The eligible medications will change as the manufacturer programs expire and offer new coupons.

	SPECIALTY MEDICATION
	Cimzia
	Copaxone
	Copaxone Inj
	Enbrel
	Exjade
	Harvoni
	Humira
	Incivek
	Olysio
	Orencia
	Simponi
	Sovaldi
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