



**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ALL-EMPLOYEES MEMORANDUM**

DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2021

**EMPLOYEE MEDICAL HEALTH PLAN OF SUFFOLK COUNTY (EMHP)
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CHANGE IN PRESCRIPTION BENEFITS
MANAGER TO EXPRESS SCRIPTS**

County Executive Steven Bellone and the EMHP Labor/Management Committee previously announced in an All Employee Memorandum 35-2021 issued on September 29, 2021, that Express Script's Inc. (ESI) has been selected as the EMHP's new Prescription Benefits Manager for pharmacy benefits for all **Active employees, non-Medicare eligible retirees/dependent survivors and non-Medicare eligible spouses/dependents** after an extensive evaluation process. Express Scripts Inc. replaces the incumbent WellDyne.

Effective January 1, 2022, your prescription drug benefits under EMHP will be administered by Express Scripts, Inc. (ESI). All prescription drug plan rules remain unchanged; however, now maintenance prescriptions must be filled for a 90 day supply through the ESI Home Delivery Pharmacy or at CVS or Walgreens. Maintenance medications are defined by the EMHP Benefits Booklet as any prescription medication ordered for more than a 21-day's supply (plus refills). Acute medications of up to a 21-days' supply can continue to be filled at a retail pharmacy.

Attached please find Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to help answer some of the common questions regarding the change to the new Prescription Benefit Manager, ESI.

Your new mail order prescriptions should be sent to the ESI e-scribe address at www.express-scripts.com

At the present time, there is no change in benefits manager for Medicare eligible retirees/dependent survivors or Medicare eligible spouses/dependents enrolled in the Express Scripts Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.

Should you have questions on the above benefits, please contact the Employee Benefits Unit at ebu@suffolkcountyny.gov.

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