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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ALL-EMPLOYEES MEMORANDUM

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EMPLOYEE MEDICAL HEALTH PLAN OF SUFFOLK COUNTY

PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

Attached please find the updated **2008 Express Scripts National Preferred Medication List** for the Suffolk County EMHP. We recommend that you share this list with your doctor. Your doctor may refer to this list when prescribing medication in order for you to utilize your drug plan in the most cost efficient manner. Remember the EMHP has a mandatory generic requirement - generic prescribing is always preferable whenever possible so that you do not pay additional out-of-pocket costs.

This list is not all-inclusive nor does it guarantee coverage or the lowest co-pay, but it is a summary of the most commonly utilized prescription medications by EMHP enrollees. As you may recall, MOST GENERIC MEDICATIONS ARE PREFERRED MEDICATIONS.

In accordance with the EMHP, the following drugs require prior authorization from Express Scripts before they can be dispensed. It is your responsibility to get prior authorization if your Doctor prescribes a drug on this list. You, a member of your family, your doctor, your doctor's staff or your pharmacist must call Express Scripts at 1-800-467-2006 to begin the review process for these drugs.

Acthar	Edex	Norditropin	Viagra
Accutane	Enbrel	Nutropin	Xolair
Amevive	Epogen/Procit	Prolastin	Yohimbine
Aralast	Exubera (inhaled insulin)	Protropin	
Aranesp	Genotropin	Pulmozyme	
Botox	Humatrop	Raptiva	
Caverject	Humira	Remicade	
Ceredase	Immune Globulins	Saizen	
Cerezyme	Kineret	Serostim	
Cialis	Lamisil	Sporanox	
Dexedrine, Desoxyn, Adderall, age >24	Levitra	TheraCys/Tice (BCG Vaccine)	
Differin, age >24	Muse	Tretinoin (Retin-A), age >24	
Drugs for the Treatment of Impotency	Human Growth Hormone	Weight Loss Medications	BCG Live

Please note that the Express Scripts National Preferred Medication List and the listing of drugs that require prior authorization are continually updated as new products and generic drugs become available. Therefore, we recommend that you periodically check the Express Scripts website, www.express-scripts.com, for the most current information or you can contact Express Scripts directly at 1-800-467-2006.

Should you have questions on the above benefits, please contact the Employee Benefits Unit, Department of Civil Service/Human Resources via e-mail (ebu@suffolkcountyny.gov).

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