

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

DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

EMPLOYEE MEDICAL HEALTH PLAN OF SUFFOLK COUNTY (EMHP)

**CHANGES TO YOUR EMHP PRESCRIPTION BENEFITS & THE PRESCRIPTION
BENEFITS MANAGER**

Effective January 1, 2022

The EMHP Labor/Management Committee undertook a competitive bidding process (“RFP”) for the plan’s Prescription Benefit Manager for **Active and Non-Medicare eligible retirees and dependents**. County Executive Steven Bellone and the EMHP Labor/Management Committee announce that Express Scripts, Inc. (ESI) has been chosen as the Prescription Benefit Manager for pharmacy benefits after an extensive evaluation process. ESI replaces the incumbent, WellDyne.

1. **New Pharmacy Benefits Manager for Active and Non-Medicare eligible retirees/dependents**

Effective January 1, 2022, prescription drug benefits for all Active and Non-Medicare eligible retirees/dependents covered under the EMHP will be administered by Express Scripts (ESI).

NOTE: ESI will continue to administer the pharmacy benefits for all Medicare eligible retirees/dependents enrolled in the Suffolk County EGWP.

2. **Retail Maintenance through Smart 90**

Beginning January 1, 2022, maintenance medications can be filled either through the ESI’s mail order pharmacy or through ESI’s “Smart 90” pharmacies, which are CVS and Walgreens. Maintenance medications are defined in the EMHP Benefit Booklet as any prescription medication order for more than a 21-days’ supply (plus refills). Acute medications of up to a 21 days’ supply can continue to be filled at retail pharmacy.

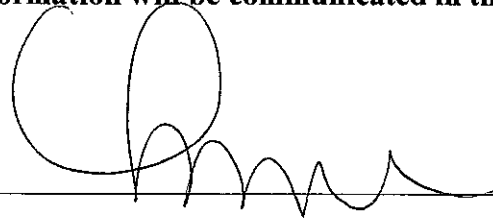
Specific information regarding the process for renewing prescriptions will be explained in more detail in future communications.

3. **New ID Cards**

Members (Active and non-Medicare eligible retirees/dependent survivors and their eligible dependents) will receive a new EMHP ID card in late December with the new pharmacy information needed to process your pharmacy benefits and claims. On and after January 1, 2022, you must use this new card and present your new card to your pharmacy and medical providers.

NOTE: Medicare eligible retirees/dependent survivors enrolled in the Express Scripts Medicare Prescription Drug Plan will NOT receive a new ID card. Your current EMHP ID card is still in effect and your prescription benefits manager and plan have not changed.

We are pleased to continue to provide comprehensive health benefits for all employees, retirees and their eligible dependents. **Additional information will be communicated in the near future.**

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**LISA BLACK
CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

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