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2010 Pharmacy News and Updates, including Medicare Part D Drugs

Announcing our new Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM)

UCare is pleased to announce that effective Jan. 1, 2010 our PBM will be changing to Express Scripts, Inc. (ESI) for all UCare beneficiaries. ESI will replace CVS Caremark (formerly RxAmerica). All covered new and refill prescriptions, including mail-order, should be processed through ESI.

Medicare Part D Drug Coverage

UCare plans that have Medicare Part D drug coverage are:

- *UCare for Seniors*: Value Plus, Classic, and Group.
- UCare's Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO).
- *UCare Connect*.

What the member pays depends on three factors:

- The type of vaccine.
- Where they get it from (at the pharmacy or doctor's office).
- Who administers the drug (a pharmacist or someone at the doctor's office)?

In 2010, UCare recommends our members receive Part D vaccines and vaccine administrations at their pharmacy. This guarantees that members are charged their Part D co-pay only and result in a lower out-of-pocket cost. Examples of typical Part D vaccines are Zostavax (shingles vaccine), Tetanus/Diphtheria, and Hepatitis A and B.

If members get their Part D vaccine at their **doctor's office** and have their doctor (or someone in the office) administer the shot, members will need to pay the doctor the entire cost of the vaccine and the cost to administer the shot. Members will then need to complete a Direct Member Reimbursement (DMR) form and send the DMR form and their receipts to ESI. Members will be reimbursed the amount they paid minus their normal co-pay for the vaccine (including administration), minus any difference between the amount the doctor charges and what UCare normally pays.

If the members get their vaccine at the **pharmacy** and then take it to the doctor's office where the member is given the vaccination shot, members will have to pay the pharmacy co-pay for the vaccine at the pharmacy. When the doctor gives the vaccination shot, members will pay the entire cost of the administration service. Members will then need to complete a DMR form and attach their receipts and send it to ESI. Members will be reimbursed the amount charged by the doctor less any cost-sharing amount that the member needs to pay for the vaccine (including administration).

Members can find the DMR form in UCare's web site at www.ucare.org and then selecting their health program (i.e. *UCare for Seniors*, MSHO, or *UCare Connect*) under "Health Programs." The form is in the "Important Member Part D Information" page.

If you have any questions, please call our Provider Assistance Center at 612-676-3300 or 1-888-531-1493 (toll free) 7 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.