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Important Information About Your Pharmacy Benefits Effective July 1, 2026

Dear Health Plan Member,

We are writing to inform you of important changes to your health plan coverage that will take effect on **July 1, 2026**.

If you left the HMO and selected an alternate health plan during enrollment, your **pharmacy benefit coverage may have changed**. As a result, you may experience differences in:

- Covered medications and formulary placement
- Prior authorization requirements
- Step therapy requirements
- Specialty medication coverage and management programs
- Mail-order pharmacy services

Transition from Optum Rx to Evernorth (Express Scripts)

For members whose pharmacy benefits are transitioning from **Optum Rx** to **Evernorth (Express Scripts)**, PEBP has authorized a temporary transition period to help ensure continuity of care.

If a medication had an approved prior authorization through Optum Rx, Evernorth will honor that approval for the month of **July 2026**. This allows members to continue receiving covered medications while new coverage requirements are reviewed.

Beginning **August 1, 2026**, members will need to obtain a **new prior authorization** from their prescribing provider and submit it to Evernorth for review, if required under the Evernorth pharmacy benefit.

Mail-Order Prescriptions

If you currently receive medications through a mail-order pharmacy, please be aware that prescriptions on file with Optum Rx will not automatically transfer to the Evernorth mail-order program.

To continue receiving medications through mail order after July 1, 2026, you will need to contact your prescribing provider and request that a **new prescription** be submitted to the Evernorth mail-order pharmacy.

What You Should Do

To avoid interruptions in your medication therapy, we encourage you to:

1. Review your new pharmacy benefit information and formulary.
2. Confirm whether your medications require prior authorization, step therapy, or other coverage reviews under the new plan.
3. Contact your prescribing provider as soon as possible if new prior authorizations may be needed.
4. Request new mail-order prescriptions if you plan to use the Evernorth mail-order pharmacy service.

We understand that changes to pharmacy coverage can raise questions, and we appreciate your attention to these important updates. Additional information regarding your pharmacy benefits and transition support will be available through your health plan resources. For additional plan information please visit: <https://www.pebp.nv.gov/plans/getting-to-know-your-plan/> or contact 775-684-7000 or 702-486-3100.

Sincerely,

Public Employees' Benefits Program (PEBP)

Member Services Team