



SPECIAL NOTICE
ATTENTION EUTF-INFORMEDRX PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN
ACTIVE AND NON-MEDICARE ELIGIBLE RETIREE PARTICIPANTS

FACTS ABOUT PROGRAM CHANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

By now, you may be aware that the EUTF Board of Trustees has approved a series of prescription drug program changes that will become effective July 1st. These program changes provide cost saving opportunities for the EUTF while continuing to provide comprehensive prescription drug coverage to participants. These cost saving opportunities **directly benefit ALL EUTF's participants** (through lower premiums/payroll deductions AND lower co-payments) and employers (through lower health benefit costs). Below are some important facts about these upcoming changes.

Fact #1: informedMail, the Plan's mail order pharmacy, meets all federal and state licensing requirements, guidelines and quality standards.

The mail order pharmacy employs certified and licensed pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who monitor, fill and comply with established quality and safety operating procedures to ensure that you receive your maintenance medication accurately and timely. If your medication requires special handling or refrigeration, they will be packed and mailed accordingly.

Fact #2: After July 1, you can get three (3) separate 30-day supply fills of maintenance medications at your local retail pharmacy before you are required to go to informedMail.

If you are taking multiple maintenance medications, you will get three (3) 30-day supply fills for each medication at your local retail pharmacy before having to switch to informedMail. For example, for drug number 1, you can get 3 separate 30-day supply fills at your local retail pharmacy before having to go to informedMail. Same for drug number 2 and drug number 3, etc.

Fact #3: You can still go to your local retail pharmacy for non-maintenance medications.

For example, if you take pain medication such as Vicodin, you can still fill that at the local retail pharmacy. If you get sick and your physician prescribes an antibiotic, you can still get that filled at the local retail pharmacy. The Maintenance Mail Order Program only applies to drugs that informedRx classifies as a maintenance drug.

Fact #4: Prior Authorization process is available if you can not, for clinical and medical reason, take a Generic or Preferred brand drug.

Many of these programs provide financial incentives for participants to save money on prescription co-payments by using Generic or Preferred drugs. However, we recognize that you may have a clinical or medical need to take a Non-Preferred drug. If this is the case, talk to your physician about submitting a prior authorization (PA) request to informedRx for the Non-Preferred drug on your behalf.

Fact #5: There is a 60-day grace period for the Reference-Based Pricing Program from July 1-August 31, 2009.

To help ease your transition into this program the EUTF has instituted a 60-day grace period until August 31, 2009. During this grace period, you will not experience a change in your co-payment for these drugs.

Fact #6: informedRx has provided program change information to EUTF pharmacies and physicians. informedRx has provided information to the EUTF provider community in order to facilitate awareness among your local pharmacies and your physicians. Always seek the advice of your physician with any questions you may have regarding your medications.

Fact #7: These program changes do not affect the EUTF-informedRx Medicare Retiree Drug Plan.

The program changes that are effective on July 1 do not impact the EUTF Medicare Part D Retiree Drug Plan.

Fact #8: These program changes only impact Active Employee and Non-Medicare Eligible Participants.

These program changes apply to you if you are enrolled in the HMSA or HMA PPO medical plans. Those enrolled in the Kaiser (Comprehensive and Basic) plans, the EUTF HMSA HMO plan, the EUTF High Deductible Health Plan, and the Royal State Supplemental plan receive their drug coverage through their respective medical carrier—not from informedRx.

informedRx, in conjunction with EUTF employers, is conducting a series of Town Hall Meetings throughout Oahu and the neighbor islands. We invite Active Employees and Non-Medicare Eligible Retiree participants to attend these meetings. informedRx representatives will discuss program changes and how they may or may not impact you. To find the meeting location nearest you, please [click](#) here to view the published schedule.