

**This is important information about changes in your Ohio Medicaid Pharmacy coverage.**

**Please read both sides of all pages carefully.**

**Save this information so you can refer to it again in the future.**

The following pages explain the important changes in your prescription drug coverage.

## **Changes in Your Ohio Medicaid Prescription Coverage Starting October 1, 2011**

**These changes affect everyone in your family who gets health care through an Ohio Medicaid managed care plan (MCP).**

Some or all of the members of your family are in one of the following MCPs:

- AMERIGROUP Community Care
- Buckeye Community Health Plan
- CareSource
- Molina Healthcare of Ohio
- Paramount Advantage
- UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Ohio
- WellCare

Starting October 1, 2011, your MCP will pay for prescription drugs and certain prescription medical supplies. This means that you will need to get your prescription drugs at a pharmacy that accepts your MCP. Your MCP will notify you in writing if any co-payment for prescription drugs will apply to you.

**This is how the changes will affect you when you get your prescription drugs and certain prescription medical supplies starting October 1, 2011.**

- (1) You must use the new member identification (ID) card that your MCP will send you during September 2011.**

You will receive a new card from your MCP during September 2011. Starting October 1, you must use your new card to get prescriptions at the pharmacy, and to get medical supplies and other health care through your MCP. Your new card lets pharmacies know that your MCP will pay for your prescriptions. Contact your MCP if you do not receive your new card by September 28th.

- (2) You can get your prescription drugs at any pharmacy that accepts your MCP.**

Your MCP will only pay for prescriptions you get from pharmacies that have a contract with your MCP. Ask your pharmacy if it accepts your MCP. If you plan to travel out-of-state, be sure to fill your prescriptions before you leave.

- (3) You can keep getting certain prescription medical supplies at no cost to you: diabetic supplies, inhaler spacers, peak flow meters, syringes, needles, alcohol wipes, and condoms.**

The pharmacy or medical equipment supplier cannot charge you for these prescription medical supplies. Contact your MCP about how to obtain your medical supplies.

**(4) Your MCP will require your doctor to get prior authorization for some prescription drugs.**

Your MCP will not pay for some prescription drugs unless it gave your doctor prior authorization for the prescription.

If your MCP requires prior authorization for one of your prescriptions but your doctor has not gotten it, the pharmacy will tell you that your MCP will not pay for the prescription unless your doctor gets prior authorization. If you need to fill the prescription immediately but your doctor is not available to get prior authorization, ask the pharmacy about giving you a short-term supply of the prescription.

Ask your doctor or pharmacy if there is another prescription that will work for you that does not require MCP prior authorization.

If Ohio Medicaid paid to refill a prescription on or after April 1, 2011 for a drug that needs MCP prior authorization and you need to refill the prescription on or after October 1, 2011:

- If it is for a controlled substance, you can refill it without MCP prior authorization until October 31, 2011. Controlled substances include many pain medications such as medications containing hydrocodone, some anxiety medications such as diazepam, and some seizure medications such as phenobarbital. You can ask your pharmacist whether any of your medications are controlled substances;
- If it is not for a controlled substance, you can refill it without MCP prior authorization until December 31, 2011;
- If it is for a standard tablet/capsule antidepressant or antipsychotic, or an injectible antipsychotic, you can refill it without MCP prior authorization unless:
  - it is not prescribed by a psychiatrist who has a contract with your MCP or whom you see at a Community Mental Health Center;
  - or is not prescribed for use as approved by the FDA.

If either of these applies, then you can refill it without MCP prior authorization until January 31, 2012.

If you refill a prescription for a drug that needs MCP prior authorization, you will receive a letter from your MCP giving you information about what your doctor needs to do.

**(5) More information and help is available.**

Questions or problems with your prescription coverage or pharmacy? Questions or problems with your doctor? Need emergency care while out of the service area? Contact your MCP at the toll-free number on your member ID card.