

IDAHO PIPE TRADES TRUST

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*** IMPORTANT NOTICE – PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM CHANGE ***

Dear Plan Participants:

The Board of Trustees of the Idaho Pipe Trades Health & Welfare Trust is pleased to inform you that, **effective October 1, 2023**, the Trust is switching from OptumRx to Express Scripts (ESI) as the Trust's prescription drug program provider. OptumRx will continue to provide its prescription drug program services on your behalf through September 30, 2023. **Note that this change will not affect our Plan's benefit structure. Formulary Brand named drugs will continue to be covered with a \$40.00 Copay and generic drugs will continue to be covered with a \$20.00 Copay.** You will receive new prescription drug ID cards in the mail mid to late September. Set them aside in a safe place and start using the new ESI ID card October 1, 2023.

Please read this entire notice carefully to make sure you do not miss any of the essential information about the change. At the end of this notice is a list of items that you must remember to do.

NEW PRESCRIPTION DRUG IDENTIFICATION (ID) CARD

The Express Scripts prescription ID card and the transition process to a new PBM for Actives, Pre-Medicare Retirees and Medicare Retirees are the same. Below is a sample of the new Express Scripts ID card.



Prescription ID Card

RxBIN 003858
RxPCN A4
RxGrp IDAPITT
Issuer 9151014609
(80840)
ID CWK000100002
Name JOHN Q SAMPLE



Issued XX/XX/XXXX



Express Scripts Customer Service: 800-716-3751
Accredo Specialty: 800-803-2523
TDD: 800-759-1089
Pharmacist Use Only: 800-922-1557

express-scripts.com

accredo.com

TRANSFER OF PRESCRIPTIONS

Current prescriptions at your retail pharmacies will stay where they are. You simply need to show your retail pharmacy your new Express Scripts ID card on or after October 1, 2023. Most prescriptions at OptumRx **mail order** will transfer to Express Scripts mail order. Mail order prescriptions that **will not transfer** are for medications that are considered a controlled substance, such as medications for pain, attention deficit (ADD or ADHD), depression, anxiety, etc. You must have your doctor provide a new prescription for any **mail order** refills of controlled substances that you need on or after October 1, 2023.

Other prescriptions that may be affected are compound medications, which are products specifically prepared to treat your condition (mail order only), prescriptions that are expired, and prescriptions that do not have refills remaining.

Specialty medications will be filled by Accredo, the Express Scripts specialty pharmacy. Specialty drugs are medications that require special handling. For example, these drugs may require refrigeration or other temperature controls, or may need special packaging. For a list of specialty medications, visit www.Accredo.com or call 800.803.2523.

Open prescriptions with available refills for specialty medications will automatically transfer to Accredo. OptumRx prior authorizations will be honored by Express Scripts. You will not need to have those drugs reauthorized except when the prior authorization has expired.

Additional information about Accredo will be mailed to you if you are taking specialty medications prior to the October 1, 2023 transfer.

FORMULARY CHANGES

Each prescription drug company has its own unique list of medications that are allowed or excluded from its formulary list. OptumRx's and Express Scripts formulary lists may differ slightly. If you are taking a medication that is not covered by Express Scripts (meaning the medication is not on the Express Scripts formulary or has utilization or prior authorization requirements), when you fill that prescription between October 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023, you can receive a 30-day supply at retail. Then, you will receive a notification letter from Express Scripts, which will notify you what further action you need to take, or how you can request a formulary exception to ensure continued coverage of that same drug. You can then share the information with your doctor so that he/she can write a new prescription for you.

REASON FOR THE CHANGE

The Health & Welfare Trust worked with prescription drug companies on a proposal for a new agreement several months ago. That process resulted in a decision to join a coalition of UA Plumbers and Pipefitters throughout the country. The coalition negotiates prescription drug company contracts for over 250,000 UA Plumbers and Pipefitters and their family members. The coalition was able to improve upon OptumRx's current pricing while positioning the Health & Welfare Trust for improved purchasing power in the future. As you know, health care and prescription drug costs continue to rise, and it is the goal of the Board of Trustees to provide quality coverage to you and your family at the best cost available. The more favorable agreement with Express Scripts will help accomplish that goal for the Health & Welfare Trust and its participants overall.

Please be patient during this transition period. Read the notices that will be mailed to you from the Health & Welfare Trust, Express Scripts and Accredo (specialty pharmacy).

REMINDERS AND CHECK LIST

- ✓ Please read all mailings from the Trust Office, Express Scripts and Accredo.
- ✓ Show your Express Scripts prescription drug ID card to your Express Scripts participating pharmacy on or after October 1, 2023.
- ✓ Actives, Non-Medicare Retirees and Medicare Retirees, please keep your new Express Scripts ID cards. Your current OptumRx ID card is needed through September 30, 2023 for prescriptions from OptumRx. The Express Scripts prescription ID card will be effective October 1, 2023.
- ✓ If you have a **mail order** prescription for a controlled substance or compound medication, contact your doctor in September to request a new prescription for refills needed on or after October 1, 2023. Send new mail order prescriptions to Express Scripts **after** the October 1, 2023 effective date. **Prescriptions received by Express Scripts prior to October 1, 2023 will be denied.**
- ✓ Talk to your doctor if you receive a letter from Express Scripts or Accredo (specialty medication) regarding a medication change needed due to formulary exclusions. If necessary, your doctor or you may call Express Scripts to request a formulary exception.
- ✓ If you have any questions, please call the Trust Office at 208. 288.1610 or 800.808.1687 or Express Scripts at 800.716.3751.

