

Hawai'i Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF)

Information from the EUTF – on the new Prescription Drug Plan

As many of you have heard, the EUTF is changing its pharmacy benefit manager from informedRx (HMSA/Medco for HSTA VB BU 05/45 retirees) to CVS Caremark for active employees and **Non-Medicare Retirees**.

For **Medicare Retirees** due to a 2nd protest filed by informedRx on January 27, 2012, EUTF will be required to continue with informedRx (HMSA/Medco for HSTA VB BU 05/45) as the pharmacy benefit manager until the new protest is resolved. Much more information will be posted on EUTF's website at: www.eutf.hawaii.gov. Be sure to check our website periodically.

Here are the basic points you need to know now:

Non-Medicare Retirees	
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)	Answers
When does the change take place?	May 1, 2012
What plans do they replace?	Non-Medicare prescription drug plans for informedRx and HSTA VB HMSA/Medco 90/10 (bundled plans)
Will I receive new ID cards?	Yes. In mid-April Please be sure to update your address if you have recently moved to ensure that receipt of these cards is not delayed.
When will I receive information on how to obtain my prescription drug benefits?	Beginning in mid-April CVS Caremark will mail a Welcome Package, along with ID cards, to everyone enrolled in informedRx or HMSA/Medco drug plans.
Can I still use my regular pharmacy, if it isn't a CVS/Longs Pharmacy?	Yes. You may still use your pharmacy for non-maintenance medications that you take on a short-term basis, such as antibiotics. CVS Caremark's participating pharmacy network has many pharmacies for you to choose from. Be sure to check that your regular pharmacy participates in CVS Caremark's network of pharmacies to receive the best pricing.
Who do I contact if I have additional questions?	Because we expect our phone lines to be very busy, we recommend that you do not call the EUTF at this time. Additional information will be distributed via mail and will be posted to our website at www.eutf.hawaii.gov . We will also post on our website when CVS Caremark's customer call center is open for business to receive calls from EUTF members.

We ask that you be on the lookout for mailings regarding the change to CVS Caremark (for Non-Medicare Retirees) that will be mailed to you. We need your help to make this as smooth a transition as possible. Stay tuned; there's more to come.

Medicare Retirees

Due to the procurement law of the State of Hawai'i, once a protest is filed all work with the awarded vendor must cease. The hearing that followed informedRx's first protest allowed work to proceed on the active and Non-Medicare plans with CVS Caremark. However, the Medicare Plan (EGWP) award was vacated and additional review by the EUTF Evaluation Committee was required. The contract was again awarded to CVS Caremark and informedRx filed a second protest. We will work to resolve this protest as quickly as possible but are not able at this time to give you an effective date.

Other EUTF Information You Need to Know

Medicare Part B Premium Reset

The standard Medicare Part B monthly **premium** changed to \$99.90, January 1, 2012. EUTF automatically reset your reimbursement to \$99.90 starting January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. If you have an income-related Medicare Part B premium (meaning your premium is more than \$99.90 per month), you must provide EUTF with a copy of your letter from the Social Security Administration (SSA) showing the adjusted Part B premium. If we do not receive the SSA letter, your EUTF quarterly Part B reimbursement will be calculated at

\$99.90 per month. As a reminder, EUTF does not reimburse for penalties. Also note that proof of enrollment in Medicare Part B is required of eligible beneficiaries as a condition of receiving contributions and participating in the EUTF retiree benefit plans.

Civil Unions

The new civil union law became effective January 1, 2012. More information about Civil Unions is available on the Department of Health's website at <http://hawaii.gov/health/vital-records/vital-records/civilunion/index.html>

If you enter into a civil union and wish to cover your civil union partner under your EUTF or (HSTA VB) health plans, visit EUTF's website at www.eutf.hawaii.gov and click on "EUTF Forms" to find instructions on what to do.

Important: The EUTF is a separate organization from the ERS. If you have any questions about information in this article, **please DO NOT contact ERS.** Please contact the **EUTF** directly at 586-7390 or toll-free at 1-800-295-0089, or email the EUTF at eutf@hawaii.gov.