

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE: August 10, 2009

TO: **All Active and Retired Plan Participants Enrolled in the Direct Payment Plan**

RE: Change in Prescription Drug Plan Copayments - Effective September 1, 2009

Effective September 1, 2009, copayments for Prescription Drugs under the **Direct Payment Plan** are changing for "maintenance medications" purchased through a **local retail contracting pharmacy**. **If you are a Kaiser Permanente member, this Notice does not apply to you.**

Eligible individuals enrolled in the **Direct Payment Plan** who are taking medications on a regular basis for long-term or chronic conditions (maintenance medications) can save money on their copayments by using the Prescription Solutions **Mail Service Pharmacy**. The first example below outlines the copayments that will take place on September 1, 2009 and the second example outlines the copayments under the Prescription Solutions **Mail Service Pharmacy**.

RETAIL PHARMACY

Effective September 1, 2009	Generic Drugs	Brand Name Drugs*
First three fills	\$10 copayment/ <u>30-day supply</u>	\$25 copayment/ <u>30-day supply</u> *
Fourth fill and thereafter	\$20 copayment/<u>30-day supply</u>	\$50 copayment/<u>30-day supply</u>*

*If a Brand Name Drug is requested *where a Generic is available*, **in addition** to the copayment, you will be charged the difference between the cost of the Generic and the Brand Name Drug.

PRESCRIPTION SOLUTIONS MAIL SERVICE PHARMACY

Effective September 1, 2009	Generic	Brand Name Drugs
Fourth fill and thereafter	\$20 copayment/ <u>90-day supply</u>	\$50 copayment/ <u>90-day supply</u>

As the first example indicates, after the *same* prescription has been filled three times at a **local retail contracting pharmacy**, beginning with the fourth fill, two **copayments** will be charged for a 30-day supply. For the same two copayments under the Prescription Solutions **Mail Service Pharmacy**, you can receive a **90-day supply** of your medication. Of course, you can begin using the Mail Service Pharmacy at anytime before the fourth fill to save money on copayments and receive a larger quantity of medications.

With this Notice, you will receive a Prescription Solutions Mail Service Pharmacy brochure which explains how to get started using the program and has a short questionnaire that you will include with your initial prescription order.

If you should have any questions, please contact the Fund Office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Sincerely,