

**Important pharmacy benefit information; some medications on your plan’s drug list may cost you more unless you take action. Please see below for more details regarding your Preferred Drug List and Specialty Medications.**

**Preferred Drug List:** Express Scripts administers the pharmacy benefit services for the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH), which sponsors the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP). With Express Scripts, “Tier 1” will include all generic drugs, “Tier 2” includes all preferred brand-name drugs and “Tier 3” includes all non-preferred brand-name drugs.

**What you can do to lower your drug costs:**

For more information and to compare drug prices, you may access the Express Scripts website from a link on the SHBP website and choose Preferred Drug List. Look up “Drugs by Name (Interactive)” or click the link to your plan’s preferred drug list. If you’re taking a medication that will be non-preferred, ask your doctor if a generic or preferred brand-name drug would be right for you. There are printable documents that you can take with you when you go to visit your doctor and discuss any lower cost alternative medications that may work for you.

You may also save money by using the Express Scripts Pharmacy<sup>SM</sup> home delivery service or a retail pharmacy in the 90-day network to fill your maintenance prescriptions. Maintenance drugs are those you take to treat an ongoing condition, such as high blood pressure or high cholesterol. If you use home delivery or a participating 90-day network pharmacy, then you will only pay 2½ month’s copayment for your 3-month supply of medications. This allows you to refill less often and make fewer payments during the year. With home delivery, your medication will be delivered right to you, typically within 8 days after we receive the order. If you have any questions about medications or the Express Scripts Pharmacy, please call Member Services toll-free at 877.841.5227 or visit the Express Scripts link on the SHBP website.

**Specialty Medication Coverage:** As part of the prescription drug benefit, specialty medications are covered through Accredo, an Express Scripts specialty pharmacy. Specialty medications are drugs that are used to treat complex conditions, such as cancer, growth hormone deficiency, hemophilia, hepatitis C, immune deficiency, multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis. Whether they’re administered by a healthcare professional, self-injected or taken by mouth, specialty medications require an enhanced level of service. Accredo has its own list of specialty drugs that they distribute, please visit the Express Scripts link on the SHBP website to see what drugs are limited to dispensing from Accredo.

**If you need specialty medications, you must order them through Accredo or you’ll pay the entire cost at retail. In some cases, one fill at retail is allowed. To find out if your specialty drug is allowed a retail fill, contact Express Scripts at the number on your card.**

If you have any questions about specialty medications or Accredo, please call Accredo Member Services toll-free at 800.978.6227.