



update

Supplementary Pharmacy Benefit Program—Managed Health Care Services Inc. (MHCSI)

This summer the NSTU Group Insurance Trustees launched a Supplementary Pharmacy Benefit Program through Managed Health Care Services Inc. (MHCSI) for both active and retired members of the NSTU Total Care Medical Plan. Since the launch, a few questions have consistently been asked. We have provided below in a “Frequently Asked Questions” format some responses to these questions.

Question

What is the Supplementary Pharmacy Benefit Program through MHCSI?

Answer

The Supplementary Pharmacy Benefit Program provides additional coverage of up to \$3.00 per prescription toward your out-of-pocket expense when filling prescriptions at MHCSI participating preferred pharmacy provider network locations

which are Lawtons Drugs and Sobeys Pharmacy.

In addition to the Supplementary Pharmacy Benefit Program, you were provided with a Lawtons Drugs Preferred Discount Card (does not apply to sale items). This card entitles you to the Lawtons Front Store Purchase Program. Using this card will allow you to enjoy a wide range of discounts on front store purchases at Lawtons Drugs in Atlantic Canada.

Question

Can the Lawtons Drug Preferred Discount Card be used if I don't use the Supplementary Pharmacy Benefit Program for prescriptions?

Answer

Yes. All you need to do is present your Lawtons Front Store Purchase Program Card when making front store purchases. It should be noted that this card may only be used by the plan member or spouse of the plan member. The card is personalized for you, so please remember to always present photo ID when using the card.

Question

Do I have to transfer all my prescriptions to Lawtons Drugs or Sobeys Pharmacy to take advantage of this program?

Answer

The Supplementary Pharmacy Benefit Program is totally voluntary. You are in no way obligated to switch pharmacies to Lawtons Drugs or Sobeys Pharmacy. However, if you want to take full advantage of the Supplementary Pharmacy Benefit Program, the additional coverage of up to \$3.00 per prescription against your out-of-pocket expense will only be provided at Lawtons Drugs or Sobeys Pharmacy.

Question

What if I'm over age 65 and a member of Nova Scotia Seniors' Pharmacare, how can I benefit from this program?

Answer

Retired members over the age of 65 can also participate in the Supplementary Pharmacy Benefit Program. The program will provide additional coverage of up to \$3.00 per prescription against your out-of-pocket expense with regard to your Seniors' Pharmacare co-pay amount.

Question

Can my spouse, who is the member of another group insurance program that offers prescription drug coverage, receive the additional coverage through the Supplementary Pharmacy Benefit Program?

Answer

Yes, a spouse who is insured through another program can receive additional coverage of up to \$3.00 per prescription against his or her out-of-pocket expense as long as the MHCSI Preferred Pharmacy Provider Program Drug Card is utilized and the prescription is filled at an MHCSI participating Preferred Pharmacy Provider. As mentioned, Lawtons Drugs and Sobeys Pharmacy are these pharmacies.

We hope this information has been helpful. If you have any questions about the new program, or if there are problems with your cards, please contact MHCSI at 1-800-686-6427. If you have not received your cards and believe that you should as part of the NSTU Total Care Medical Program, please contact Johnson Inc. to confirm your coverage at (902)453-9543 or 1-800-453-9543 (toll-free).

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