

Free Medications!

Zero-dollar copayment between October 1, 2009, and January 31, 2010

The PEEHIP Board recently approved the **Zero Dollar Copayment Program** effective **October 1, 2009**, which will allow members another opportunity to save money on their copayments for **up to four months** when they switch from taking a brand-name medication shown in the chart below to taking the generic therapeutic alternative medication **during the period of October 1, 2009, through January 31, 2010**. During this four-month period, **your copayment will be \$0** if you use one of the listed generic alternatives.

If you or one or your covered dependents had or will have two or more processed claims during **May through August 2009** for one or more of the brand-name medications shown below, you will receive a letter from Express Scripts about your eligibility for PEEHIP's Zero Dollar Copayment Program to receive a therapeutically equivalent generic drug **absolutely free for up to four months**. This zero-dollar copayment program will **save you money on your copayments** and will reduce the drug costs to PEEHIP if you continue to use the therapeutically equivalent generic medication instead of the brand-name drug. **Your regular copayment for generics after the zero dollar copayment program is over will only be \$5.**

If you and your doctor agree that you are able to switch to the therapeutically equivalent generic drug, you can participate in this special program. Your doctor should write a prescription for the generic medication and indicate on the prescription that the brand-name medication should be discontinued. When a pharmacy processes the new prescription, the computer will automatically **charge nothing (\$0) for your copayment for up to four months**.

Please note that members who were already taking one or more of the generic medications listed below and were not taking the brand-name drug(s) will not be eligible for the zero dollar copayment and will not receive a letter from Express Scripts. We thank the members who are taking the lower cost therapeutically equivalent generic medication and are pleased that so many members are saving money on their copayments.

Drug Category	Condition	Brand Name Drugs	Generic Substitutes
Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers (ARB)	High Blood Pressure	ATACAND; AVAPRO; BENICAR; COZAAR; DIOVAN; MICARDIS; TEVETEN	benazepril; captopril; enalapril; fosinopril; lisinopril; quinapril
Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers HCTZ (ARB)	High Blood Pressure	ATACAND HCT; AVALIDE; BENICAR HCT; DIOVAN HCT; HYZAAR; MICARDIS HCT; TEVETEN HCT	benazepril hctz; enalapril hctz; lisinopril hctz; quinapril hctz
Bisphosphonates	Bone Conditions	ACTONEL; ACTONEL WITH CALCIUM; BONIVA; FOSAMAX PLUS D; FOSAMAX ORAL SOLUTION	alendronate*
<p><i>*Alendronate is available generically by prescription and does not include Vitamin D or Calcium. Vitamin D can be obtained in over-the-counter and prescription supplements and multivitamins, calcium supplements, fortified foods, and from sunlight; calcium can be obtained from over-the-counter calcium supplements.</i></p>			
Low-Dose HMG	High Cholesterol	ALTOPREV; CRESTOR 5 MG; LESCOL XL; LIPITOR 10 MG OR 20 MG; VYTORIN 10MG/10MG	lovastatin; pravastatin; simvastatin
NSAID	Pain & Inflammation	CELEBREX (celecoxib)	ibuprofen; nabumetone; naproxen
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPI)	Heartburn & Ulcers	ACIPHEX; KAPIDEX; NEXIUM; PREVACID; ZEGERID	omeprazole