

A newsletter of the Imperial County Schools VEBA

The Trustees of the ICSVEBA understand the importance of keeping members informed of plan updates and changes and

newsletter to keep you informed of essential plan information. Please see the updates and "highlights" below and contact your Human Resourcepartment with any questions!

are excited to provide you with this month's Highlights

PharmacyMedication - Retail vs. Mail Order

Ordering a prescriptionomes with options. Your provider may send your prescription to a local pharmacy for a shtertm medication or may suggest a mail order option for a daily longerm medication. Ordering directly from a mailerder pharmacy that is on your health plan may be cheaper than ordering it from your local pharmacy. You may be able to getday supply of your prescription instead of a atlay supply, which also can be cheaper in the long run

RxBenefits is the provider for ICSVEBA prescription benefits. Members may contact member services to check coverage, find a pharmacy, look for lower cost alternates, get assistance with benefit questions, and even determine a proper transition to mail order script/hen necessary

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- f View Benefits & Claims
- f Download ID Cards
- f CheckPre
- o www.expresscripts.com (Login or Crea
 - f Review mediation tiers
 - f Check drug pricing
 - f Find local pharmacies

SpecialtyMedicationsare generally higher in cost and complexity. They can treat complex, chronic conditions and require frequent dosing adjustments or intensive clinical monitoring. They may also limit distribution and special handling. ICSVEBA Specialty medications are covered when purchased through Express Scripts Specialty Pharmacy, known asAccredo.Members can contact Accredo directly by calling-922-8279or utilize the RxBenefits Service Team.

Prior Authorization (PA) are intended for ensure that certain prescription drugs are used for appropriate medical purposes as approved by the FDA. This also helps to make sure your medications are safe, effective and more affordated PA means more information will be required to make certain the medication will work well for the prescribed condition and that it is covered by your pharmacy benefit. Your doctor has access to the required information to complete the PA and typically reviews take 27/2 hours, depending on the information sent and responsiveness of the physician's office.