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# CS Trust Bulletin

## March 2023

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### **CS Trust Meeting Announcement**

The next CS Trust board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2023. The in-person meeting will be held at the CSIU and begin at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be available before the meeting from 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please click on the link below to register your attendance.

<https://forms.gle/oNSFFWDXMmbrm2WR8>

An agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.

### **Public Health Emergency**

The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) will end on May 11, 2023.

As a result of this announcement, plan sponsors will no longer be required to pay for the COVID-19 over-the-counter (OTC) test kits after May 11. Solicitor Michael Balducci and Jon Sapochak reviewed the options and their recommendation was for CS Trust plans NOT to continue the coverage effective May 12, 2023.

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The CS Trust officers reviewed and approved the recommendation to cancel coverage for the COVID-19 OTC test kits effective May 12, 2023.

Both Geisinger and Express Scripts will be notified of the cancellation request and the item will be added to the April meeting agenda for trustee ratification.



### **National Preferred Formulary Update**

Effective July 1, 2023, the Express Scripts National Preferred Formulary will be updated. ES will exclude 9 additional products. The list of new exclusions and preferred alternatives is available [here](#).

ES completed an analysis through March 1, 2023 to determine member impact. Currently, there is one member across all of the CS Trust employers that will be impacted by this update. The impacted member will be notified.

### **SafeGuardRx® Cardiovascular Care Value® Program Expansion**

Effective May 1, 2023, Express Scripts will be expanding its SafeGuardRx® Cardiovascular Care Value® program by offering new benefits for members with heart failure. There will be expanded Therapeutic Resource Center (TRC) support for patients and new provider outreach for high-risk patients taking a select heart failure medication. Also, financial protection will be added through an early discontinuation reimbursement for participating preferred products.



### **Capital Blue Cross' THINK Website**

Capital Blue Cross' THINK website engages the public by offering resources on insurance basics, health and wellness, and supporting healthier communities. New content is added regularly to inform and educate business leaders and the general public about topics that can help control healthcare costs, improve health, and make healthcare delivery more efficient.

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