

CS Trust Bulletin

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The CS Trust Executive Committee recently approved an expansion to the Express Scripts (ES) subrogation service. The current subrogation service manages recovery requests submitted by Medicare and/or Medicaid who paid out of order or should not have paid at all. Beginning in February 2023, Express Scripts is expanding this service to subrogate claims submitted by/for Commercial payers, otherwise known as Commercial Subrogation.

Both Solicitor Michael Balducci and Jon Sapochak reviewed the information and recommended enrollment in the ES Commercial Subrogation service.

It was noted that the number of claims is expected to be low.

This item will be included on the next CS Trust board agenda for trustee ratification.



With recent FDA approvals of biosimilars to Abbvie's Humira (treats inflammatory conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's disease and psoriasis), Express Scripts has informed CS Trust that following a robust review process, Humira will maintain its current position as a preferred inflammatory therapy on all ES standard commercial formularies.

Biologics such as Humira are often used to treat complex, chronic conditions and until now have faced little or no competition. Biosimilars are clinically equivalent, alternative treatments to these products. Biosimilars are biologics that are FDA-approved and have the same safety and effectiveness for patients.

ES has advocated for the approval and adoption of biosimilars for the last 15+ years as an effective way to encourage market competition to achieve the lowest possible cost for the members and plan.

To advance affordability while protecting patient access and choice, ES will begin adding adalimumab biosimilars to its standard commercial formularies next year.



Rx Savings Solutions

Rx Savings Solutions offers a service that helps lower prescription drug costs. This service is available to all employees that are enrolled in a medical plan through CS Trust.

According to Rx Savings Solutions, there are 782 active next fill opportunities for staff that have not yet enrolled in the RxSS program. The total member savings from these opportunities is more than \$27,000.

The average savings per fill for current registered members is \$96.77.

Members have received more than \$100,000 in total savings since the start of the program.

CBC members can activate an account at myrxss.com.

Geisinger members can activate an account at GeisingerHealthPlan.com/RxSavings.

Feel free to contact Diane Morgan at dmorgan@csiu.org, or (570) 523-1155, ext. 2308 with any questions.