

UT SELECT Prescription Drug Program

(UT SELECT PART D) FOR MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREES, DEPENDENTS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES

1 WHAT IS HAPPENING AND WHEN?

January 1 is the beginning of the 2018 plan year for the UT SELECT Part D prescription drug program. These are some reminders for the new plan year:

- The annual \$100 prescription deductible per person will reset on January 1. Once you satisfy the \$100 deductible, copays will apply for the rest of the UT SELECT Part D plan year (Jan.1 – Dec. 31).
- Prescriptions with refills will remain on file.
- If your medications required a Prior Authorization, contact Express Scripts (ESI) Medicare.

2 WILL I BE CHARGED FOR UT SELECT PART D?

No. There is no premium to maintain the UT SELECT Part D plan. The UT retiree is covered at 100%.

- If you are a retiree covering a dependent such as a spouse, your monthly out-of-pocket medical insurance premiums will remain the same.
- Out-of-pocket medical insurance premiums will also remain the same for surviving dependents and their dependents.

3 WHAT ABOUT INCOME RELATED COSTS FOR PART D?

High-income earners may be required to submit a Part D payment to the Federal Government known as the Part D Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts (D-IRMAA).

- The annual income threshold for D-IRMAA is greater than \$85,000 for individuals/\$170,000 for married couples.
- Members identified for D-IRMAA will receive a letter from the Social Security Administration (SSA). If you have questions about D-IRMAA, please contact the SSA.

4 WILL I RECEIVE A NEW UT SELECT PART D ID CARD?

No. You will not receive a new ID card this year since there are no changes in deductible or tiered copayment amounts.

- To order a replacement ID card, please contact ESI Medicare customer service. If you find that the home address with ESI is incorrect, please contact your UT institution's Benefits office.
- While you wait for your ID card in the mail, ESI Medicare customer service can provide you with ID information you can present to your pharmacy in order to pick up prescriptions.

5 CAN I CONTINUE TO USE THE SAME PHARMACIES?

Yes. Most pharmacies continue to be in the Part D network including Express Scripts Mail Order pharmacy.

- Under the UT SELECT Part D program, you also have the ability to obtain a 90-day supply at a retail pharmacy. The 90-day supply feature is still available at Walgreens and other participating pharmacies, excluding CVS. This option is no longer available at CVS pharmacies.
- Walgreens and all other participating pharmacies, including CVS, remain options for 30-day supplies.

6 WHAT IF I CHOOSE TO OPT OUT OF PART D?

If you are enrolled in an outside Medicare Plan that is incompatible with the UT SELECT Part D Plan effective January 2018:

- Members may opt-out of the UT Part D Plan and retain their UT SELECT Medical insurance.
- These members will be enrolled in the Non-Part D UT SELECT Prescription Plan (Commercial).
- A future option to opt-out AND retain the UT SELECT Medical Plan will be determined by UT System on an annual basis.

As a Medicare-eligible participant, if you want to drop your UT SELECT coverage, please contact your benefits office for assistance:

www.utsystem.edu/offices/employee-benefits/ who-contact.

7 WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

The UT SELECT Medicare Part D web site has information about the Part D drug list (formulary), FAQs and numerous sample documents such as the ID card:

www.utsystem.edu/offices/employee-benefits/ut-select-prescription-drug-plan-medicare-part-d

For specific question about the UT SELECT Part D plan, you may contact **ESI Medicare Customer Service at (800) 860-7849**. **TTY users should call (800) 716-3231**.

For questions about D-IRMAA please contact the Social Security Administration office at **(800) 772-1213** or www.ssa.gov/agency/contact.