

**The Health and Benefit Trust Fund of the International Union of Operating Engineers  
Local 94-94A-94B, AFL-CIO**

**To: All Eligible Participants and Beneficiaries in the Health and Benefit Trust Fund of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 94-94A-94B, AFL-CIO**

**From: The Plan Administrator of the Health and Benefit Trust Fund of the International Union Operating Engineers Local Union No. 94-94A-94B, AFL-CIO**

**Re: New Prescription Benefit Manager - OptumRx Effective January 1, 2019**

**Date: November 28, 2018**

The Health and Benefit Trust Fund of the I.U.O.E. Local 94-94A-94B, AFL-CIO ("Local 94 Health Fund") would like to introduce you to your new Prescription Benefit Manager OptumRx.

Effective January 1, 2019, the prescription benefit portion of your health plan will be administered by OptumRx. As we get closer to the effective date, look for your Welcome Kit and ID card to be mailed to you. If you do not receive a Welcome Kit and ID card by January 1, 2019, please contact the Health and Benefit Fund at 212 331-1800.

The OptumRx prescription benefit is designed to deliver quality pharmacy care, safety, convenience, and cost savings.

**Reason for the Switch**

The Local 94 Health Fund participates in a coalition with other Operating Engineers throughout the country to negotiate certain health related contracts including prescription benefit management contracts. With over 440,000 lives in the coalition our strength as a group will allow us to negotiate market leading contracts. As health care and prescription drug costs continue to rise the Board of Trustees continually looks to provide quality coverage to you and your family at the best cost available. OptumRx provided the most competitive pricing, which will generate savings compared to our current contract with CVS Caremark, while committing to delivering a high level of service.

**Pharmacy Access**

With OptumRx, you will continue to have access to thousands of retail pharmacies. These pharmacies will include national chains and most independent pharmacies. When you receive your welcome kit, it will provide more information regarding the pharmacies within the network. We expect there to be little to no disruption.

**OptumRx Home Delivery or 90 Day supply at CVS**

Currently with CVS Caremark, you have the convenience to fill your maintenance prescriptions (prescriptions needed for 90 or more days) at a CVS Pharmacy or through CVS Caremark Mail Service. Effective January 1, 2019, you will continue to have similar flexibility filling maintenance prescriptions. You will still be able to receive a 90 day supply at a CVS Pharmacy or receive a 90 day supply through OptumRx's home delivery mail pharmacy.

## **Transfer of Prescriptions**

Most mail order prescriptions will automatically transfer to OptumRx's mail pharmacy. Mail order prescriptions that will NOT transfer are those medications considered to be controlled substances, such as medication for pain, attention deficit, anxiety/depression and more. Your provider must provide a new prescription for these medications for use on or after January 1, 2019. Other prescriptions that will not transfer are compound medications, prescriptions that have expired or prescriptions with no refills. The home delivery pharmacy may contact you to set up payment information and delivery. Most current prescriptions at retail for maintenance medications will also transfer to OptumRx. You will need to provide the retail pharmacy your OptumRx identification card effective January 1, 2019.

## **Specialty Pharmacy Medications – BriovaRx**

Specialty medications will be filled by BriovaRx, the OptumRx specialty pharmacy. BriovaRx provides specialty medications and some clinical support for complex conditions, including cancer, arthritis, and others. If you are currently taking a specialty medication, additional information about BriovaRx will be mailed to you prior to January 1, 2019 to assist you with the transition.

## **Formulary Changes**

Each prescription drug company has its own list of prescribed medications that are allowed for their safety, cost and effectiveness. CVS Caremark's and OptumRx's formulary lists may differ slightly, however disruption should be minimal based on an analysis conducted. You and your doctor should consult the formulary to help you select the most cost-effective prescription medications for your needs. Prior to your first fill with OptumRx please consult the formulary list. Currently, the formulary list for OptumRx can be found on the Fund's website at [www.local94.com](http://www.local94.com), and you will receive more information with the Welcome Kit.

**Beginning January 1, 2019**, more information can be obtained by visiting [www.optumrx.com](http://www.optumrx.com) or OptumRx Customer Care toll-free at 855-295-9140. You can also contact the Fund office at 212-331-1800 if you have any questions about this or any notices you receive in the mail.

Please read the notices that will be mailed to you from the Local 94 Health Fund, OptumRx and BriovaRx. Please also be patient during this transition.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees of the Health and Benefit Trust Fund of the I.U.O.E. Local 94-94A-94B, AFL-CIO