

# Pharmacy Benefit Enhancements

## Single Pharmacy Benefit Manager

In spring 2010, Benefits Administration will contract with a new pharmacy benefit manager to become the single provider of pharmacy coverage for all plan members. This change allows for bigger prescription discounts, which means a greater savings for our 300,000 members.

What this means to you

- Each member will have a separate insurance identification card for health insurance and another for pharmacy benefits
- Everyone will have the same pharmacy benefits and all covered drugs will be available for the same copayment, regardless of which healthcare option you select
- This may result in a change in the copayment for the preferred and non-preferred brand drugs you take

More information will be sent after the first of the year about implementation of the new pharmacy benefit. Updated information will also be available online at [www.tn.gov/finance/ins/](http://www.tn.gov/finance/ins/).

## H1N1 Vaccinations

In addition to covering traditional flu shots, the state-sponsored healthcare options will be covering the H1N1 vaccine when it becomes available in fall 2009. There will be no charge for the H1N1 vaccinations. They will be covered at 100 percent with no copayment.

You will be able to receive these vaccinations at the following locations:

- Your primary care doctor
- Nurse practitioner
- Network convenience care clinics
- Local participating pharmacy, such as Walgreens or CVS (contact the member services number on the back of your ID card to obtain a list of participating network providers)





# State of Tennessee Group Insurance Program

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## To: State Group Insurance Program Participants

We are closely following reports about the seasonal flu and H1N1. Because of these concerns, the Insurance Committees have approved these new benefits **effective immediately**.

1. **You can get your seasonal flu, H1N1 and pneumococcal (pneumonia) vaccines without having to meet your deductible or paying coinsurance or copays;**
2. **The health plans will now pay for vaccines regardless of whether you receive them from a pharmacist\* or at your doctor's office; and**
3. **The copays for the critical flu-related prescription drugs will now be lower - only \$25.00 - with a prescription from your doctor.**

You can get additional information from your insurance carrier (i.e., BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Cigna, and United) about where you can get your flu and other important vaccines. If you have already had your flu shots or flu medication, please check with your insurance carrier about reimbursement.

If you haven't yet had your annual physical, now would be a good time to schedule it. If you do not have a doctor, please call your carrier. They will help you find a doctor in your area. Here are the toll-free numbers for each carrier:

BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee – 1.800.558.6213  
[www.bcbst.com/members/tn\\_state/](http://www.bcbst.com/members/tn_state/)

Cigna HealthCare – 1.800.244.6224  
[www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com)

United Healthcare – 1.877.366.0011  
[www.uhcrivervalley.com/employer/tennstate/](http://www.uhcrivervalley.com/employer/tennstate/)

We welcome your feedback and suggestions. Please feel free to email us at [benefits.info@tn.gov](mailto:benefits.info@tn.gov).

Sincerely,

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**\* Not all pharmacists can administer vaccines. If you have any questions, ask your pharmacist or call your carrier at the numbers above.**