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News & Information for SHBP Members



DCH Board Approves 2015 State Health Benefit Plan Options

ATLANTA (August 14, 2014) - The Board of Community Health today voted to approve the 2015 member contribution rates and plan designs for the Georgia Department of Community Health's State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP), providing more choice in plan options for members next year. The Board's vote today establishes the general framework of the plan options for next year, including member premiums. In the coming months, SHBP will work with the vendors to finalize the benefit offerings of each plan option.

"Throughout 2014, the Governor, the department, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia, and the Board have listened to and heard the concerns of our members and providers regarding elements of the 2014 plan design and rates. Today the Board allows us to take another important step forward in providing the best possible array of vendors, plan options, and rates for our members. Next we will strive to clearly communicate and educate what is going to be available for 2015," said DCH Commissioner Clyde L. Reese III, Esq."

On July 1, 2014, the department announced its intent to expand the number of vendors and types of plan designs in 2015. The Board's vote establishes member contribution rates and solidifies that the following options will be available to SHBP members for the 2015 Plan Year:

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia (BCBSGa) - statewide Gold, Silver, Bronze Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) (exclusively), statewide Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), Medicare Advantage (standard and premium)
- UnitedHealthcare (UHC) - statewide High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) (exclusively), statewide HMO, Medicare Advantage (standard and premium)
- Kaiser Permanente (KP) - fully-insured HMO for SHBP members who live or work in the 27-county metro Atlanta service area

The current Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) contract with Express Scripts

Inc. and the current Wellness contract with Healthways Inc. will be renewed for the 2015 plan year, and will provide benefits to members who choose to enroll in either BCBSGa or UHC.

To educate its members on the 2015 plan options, SHBP will conduct in-person and online member outreach on the plan options prior to and during the state's Open Enrollment and Retiree Change Option Period. As information is developed, SHBP members can expect to receive details from their payroll location and online at: www.dch.georgia.gov/shbp.

Open Enrollment will be held October 27 - November 14, 2014, for the January 1, 2015, start date of the new plan year.

To view SHBP's list of Frequently Asked Questions and other information from this meeting, visit www.dch.georgia.gov/shbp.

About the Georgia Department of Community Health

Through effective planning, purchasing and oversight, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) provides access to affordable, quality health care to millions of Georgians, including some of the state's uninsured and most vulnerable populations.

DCH is responsible for Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids,[®] the State Health Benefit Plan, Healthcare Facility Regulation and Health Information Technology in Georgia.

Clyde L. Reese III, Esq., serves as Commissioner for the Georgia Department of Community Health.

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