

# I.U.P.A.T. DISTRICT COUNCIL NO. 51

## HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND

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### **New Prescription Drug Program Features Effective October 1, 2020**

Dear Participant:

The IUPAT District Council No. 51 Health & Welfare Fund (“the Plan”) is pleased to announce the roll-out of two new features to the Fund’s Prescription Drug Plan in partnership the Plan’s prescription drug benefit provider, Express Scripts.

#### **Pharmacy Vaccination Program**

Effective October 1, 2020, active Participants and their eligible spouses and dependents can receive vaccines conveniently administered at your local retail pharmacy through the Plan’s prescription-drug benefit. Appointments are typically not required, and the vaccines are the same effective medications that would be given in your physician's office.

The following are examples of vaccines that can be administered by pharmacists at participating network pharmacies:

- Flu (seasonal influenza)
- Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis
- Hepatitis
- HPV (human papillomavirus)
- Meningitis
- Pneumonia
- Shingles (herpes zoster)
  - NOTE: The Plan covers the Shingles vaccine for those who are age 60 and older only.
- Childhood vaccines (MMR, etc.)

Contact your network pharmacy in advance to inquire about vaccine availability, age restrictions, and current vaccination schedules. Present your Express Scripts membership card to the pharmacist at the time of service, and, in most cases, you will not be charged for preventive immunizations.

Please review the Plan’s Summary Plan Description, which is available in English and Spanish language versions at <https://iupatdc51.com/health-and-welfare-fund>, for information on prescription drug benefits and exclusions.

To locate a participating pharmacy, log in at [express-scripts.com](https://www.express-scripts.com) and click Prescriptions and then Find a Pharmacy, or call the number on your Express Scripts ID card.

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## **Market Events Protection Program**

Effective October 1, 2020, the Plan will implement the Express Scripts Market Events Protection Program, which will help protect the Plan and Participants from dramatic cost increases brought about by certain market events and encourage use of clinically-appropriate, cost-effective drugs.

This program targets three types of market events:

- **Extreme price increases**, where a drug has more than doubled in price at any point in the last year, has meaningful utilization, and represents a savings opportunity. Price increases will be targeted as needed.
- **Unwarranted price discrepancies**, such as when a therapy option is more than double the cost of an alternative. Examples are discrepancies in different dosage forms of the same medication, such as tablets vs. capsules; and therapy class competition, where Express Scripts can create greater competition and generate significant savings by preferring one therapeutic alternative over another.
- **Patent expirations** resulting in generic launches and significant savings opportunities.

Please note that this program will not impact the overwhelming majority of the Plan's Participants and no action is required at this time.

Express Scripts will notify any Participant whose prescription has been subject to any of the market events listed above. The notice will include any necessary steps that an affected Participant will need to take before refilling his or her next prescription.

If you have questions, please contact Express Scripts at the number listed on the back of your prescription card.

Finally, the Plan confirms its continuing coverage of drugs defined as preventive care service under the Affordable Care Act, as recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force ("USPSTF") and other federal government agencies and advisory panels, at \$0 copays and without regard to deductibles.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees,  
DC 51 Health and Welfare Fund