



BCBSVT Changes Pharmacy Benefit Managers for July 1

We are writing to announce that effective July 1, 2021, the VEHI pharmacy benefits will be administered by the national pharmacy benefit manager **OptumRx®**, in collaboration with our partner Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont. The new Rx program is called **Vermont Blue Rx**.

Vermont Blue Rx will continue to provide school employees and their families with access to a comprehensive formulary of high-quality medications. Vermont Blue Rx will also offer them new tools and digital technology to better manage overall drug spending and to increase their engagement in pharmacy and health care through a more integrated health and wellness service platform. For these reasons, we believe Vermont Blue Rx will improve the patient experience, drive better health outcomes, and help control costs for members, providers, and for VEHI.

This collaboration will also strengthen and advance VEHI's and Blue Cross's commitment to providing members with convenient and affordable access to prescription medications through a comprehensive retail and home delivery pharmacy network.

All VEHI members will receive a **new ID card in June**, ahead of the July 1 transition date.

Will there be changes to the medications offered through Vermont Blue Rx's National Performance Formulary?

Yes, there will be some changes, but they are minor and will affect a small number of VEHI members.

To ensure that the July 1 transition for members who will see a change goes smoothly and there is no disruption in Rx services, BCBSVT will begin outreaching directly to the VEHI members in **late March/early April**.

Those who use Accredo today, a Specialty Medication Pharmacy, will receive a notice from Vermont Blue Rx, possibly as early as this week, about their new July 1 Specialty Medication Pharmacy option.

Should VEHI members come to you with questions, please direct them to call the BCBSVT Customer Service Team at **(800) 344-6690**, which also can be found on the back of their ID card.

BCBSVT will continue to work closely with Express Scripts, the current PBM, through June to ensure a successful transition for July 1. We will provide additional communications and reminders on this topic in the coming months.

Here is a link to an FAQ for you to share with your employees. Thank you!

This notification has been sent to School Business Officials, Health Members, Human Resources and Local Union Officials.

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