

Two New Pharmacy Programs Benefit State Health Plan Members



COPAY-FREE GENERIC DRUGS

JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2007

- Generic drugs will be dispensed free of charge to State Health Plan members, from January 1 through March 31, 2007. Members will not be responsible for copayments during this time when visiting a local participating network pharmacy.
- If you are taking a brand-name drug and are interested in using a generic drug, speak with your doctor to see if an appropriate generic drug is available for you.
- Most generic drugs are the same as brand-name drugs in dosage, safety, strength, how it is taken, quality, performance and intended use. By law, a generic drug product must contain the identical amounts of the same active ingredient(s) as the brand name product. If you have questions, be sure to talk to your doctor or pharmacist. All related limitations and exclusions still apply.

For more information, visit www.shpnc.org, or call Medco Member Services at 1-800-336-5933.

How does the program work?

Simply take your new prescription or refill for a generic drug to your local participating network pharmacy and present your State Health Plan ID card. The pharmacy will automatically waive your copayment. It is that easy! The copayment waiver also applies if you choose to fill your prescriptions through "Medco by Mail."



GENERIC OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) NICOTINE REPLACEMENT THERAPY PATCHES AVAILABLE THROUGH STATE HEALTH PLAN'S PHARMACY BENEFIT

State Health Plan members are eligible to receive generic OTC nicotine replacement therapy patches through the Plan's pharmacy benefit, beginning January 1, 2007.

Through the generic copayment waiver program, members will receive the generic patches **free** from January 1 to March 31, 2007.

Questions? Call Medco Member Services at 1-800-336-5933.

How does the program work?

State Health Plan members can receive coverage for a 10-week course of therapy each year. Each prescription during the 10-week course of therapy will cost \$5. The number of prescriptions during the 10-week period may vary depending on individual needs. To participate, members are required to obtain a prescription for generic OTC nicotine replacement therapy patches from their physician.

What other smoking cessation services are available to members?

Members are encouraged to discuss smoking cessation counseling with their physicians, or they may contact the NC Quitline at 1-800-Quit-Now for counseling assistance. Members can also visit www.shpnc.org, and log onto their NC HealthSmart Personal Health Portal to take advantage of online smoking cessation resources that are available.