

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL UPDATE FOR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE COVERED UNDER THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN ADMINISTERED BY UNITED HEALTHCARE

Effective February 1, 2025 there is one (1) important change to our pharmacy benefits, which applies to maintenance medications only.

Beginning 2/01/25, you will be required to fill all maintenance medications (medications that you refill on a monthly or 90 day basis) through OptumRX (mail order), or Walgreens ONLY.

In order to ensure transition without interruption, you will be able to fill/refill your current prescriptions for maintenance medications a maximum of three (3) times at your current retail pharmacy before the change is mandatory.

Therefore, in order to avoid delays/interruptions in getting your maintenance meds, you should have your doctor transmit new prescriptions FOR MAINTENANCE MEDICATIONS (90 day supplies) to OptumRX or Walgreens, before you exhaust the three (3) fills/refills at your current retail pharmacy.

Failure to fill maintenance medications through Optum/RX or Walgreens, after the 3 fill/refill grace period, will result in denial of benefits.

NOTE: GLP1 medications (Ozempic, Mounjaro, etc.) are **NOT** considered maintenance medications. Therefore, you **DO NOT** have to switch those meds to OptumRX mail order or Walgreens.

Other Health Insurance Renewal Info:

Deductibles, co-pays, etc. will remain the same.

Payroll deductions for the 2025-2026 plan year (2/1/25 thru 1/31/26) will remain the same.

Please, do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions regarding your health insurance benefits.

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