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**Midwest Operating Engineers Welfare Fund
Announcing New Pharmacy Benefit Manager**

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ATTENTION: Eligible Active/Retired Members & Eligible Dependents

Effective January 1, 2019, the Midwest Operating Engineers Welfare Fund Board of Trustees is pleased to announce OptumRx as the Welfare Fund's new Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM).

This notice is for informational purposes ONLY. The Fund Office and/or OptumRx will notify you, in the near future, if there is any action that should be taken. Please make sure to read all the information that comes from either the Fund Office and/or OptumRx.

The Midwest Operating Engineers Welfare Fund, through its partnership with the International Union of Operating Engineers PBM coalition, has recently secured an extremely favorable agreement for our prescription drug program. The IUOE PBM coalition recently went out to bid and the results are a deal that will save the members of Local 150 \$50 million over a three-year period! This savings could not be passed up.

As the new PBM, OptumRx will provide all the pharmacy care services that the prior PBM (CVS/caremark) provided. In fact, other than presenting your new vendor card containing the OptumRx billing information, when receiving prescriptions on and after January 1, 2019, there isn't much else you need to do. The prescription program rules remain the same; CVS pharmacy is still the preferred retail pharmacy. Specifically:

- **OptumRx's network includes access to virtually the same pharmacy network and members' prescription needs will be met in the same way in which they are today:**
 - **Short-term medication:** You may still fill up to two 30-day supplies of a medication at any OptumRx in-network pharmacy. The third 30-day refill of medication would be considered maintenance and must be filled at CVS retail pharmacy for a 90-day supply.
 - **Long-term medication (maintenance medication):** You can still fill these for a 90-day supply at a CVS retail pharmacy.
 - **If you have a refill of a maintenance medication at your local CVS retail pharmacy, all you will need to do, beginning January 1, 2019, is order your refill and present your new vendor card with the OptumRx billing information and pay your prescription copay. Please see below for additional information on a new vendor card.**
- **Customer Call Center phone number (855) 697-9150 (855-MYRX150) will remain the same.**

- **Mail order is available!** You can still have your maintenance medication mailed to you through the OptumRx home delivery option.
 - **If you are currently utilizing Caremark’s Mail Service pharmacy any available refills you have, except for controlled substances, will be transferred to OptumRx’s home delivery pharmacy prior to January 1, 2019. No action from you is required! Once they receive your refills you will receive a Welcome Letter from them with the medication names and instructions on how to order refills of your medication.**
- **Prescription copays will stay the same.** You and your eligible dependents will continue to pay the same prescription copays that you are currently paying, based on the plan you are enrolled in.
- **Prior Authorization partnership will stay the same.** Specialty and non-specialty medication that requires a prior authorization will continue as it currently is.
- **Retirees only:** The current Maximum Annual Benefit (MAB) of \$30,000 per individual per Plan Year (January 1 – December 31) will remain the same.

Beginning January 1, 2019 a few things will look new. Here is what to expect:

- **A new vendor card containing OptumRx’s billing information.** This is the information the pharmacist needs to process your prescriptions. **Please note:** This card will be mailed to you prior to January 1 so please do not call the Fund Office requesting this card UNLESS you do not receive one by January 1, 2019.
- **A new Preferred Drug List called the “Select Standard Formulary”.** This list should be given to your provider as a reference for when he/she is prescribing you or any of your eligible dependent’s medication. There will be a small segment of individuals impacted by the new Select Standard Formulary. The Fund Office’s Pharmacy Benefit Department will be sending letters and contacting affected individuals to assist in answering any questions regarding these changes and the impact on your prescriptions. They are also happy to help educate your provider on these changes.
- **A new specialty pharmacy, BriovaRx OptumRx’s Specialty Pharmacy!** BriovaRx is more than just a specialty pharmacy. They are an educational resource and a 24/7 support system for patients with complex conditions requiring specialty medication.
 - **If you are currently taking a specialty medication that is dispensed by Caremark Specialty Pharmacy, then you will be receiving a Welcome Letter from BriovaRx specialty pharmacy with instructions on how to contact one of their patient care coordinators to transition your specialty medication.**

We anticipate a smooth transition to OptumRx and access to the significant savings it will bring to the membership. Should you have any issues or questions regarding this transition, the Fund Office’s Pharmacy Benefit Department, (708) 387-8331, will be available to assist you.

Again, as January 1, 2019 approaches, there will be more information regarding this exciting transition. So please stay tuned.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees

Midwest Operating Engineers Welfare Fund

