

This letter is important. If you do not understand it, take it to your local office for help.

Cette lettre est importante. Si vous ne la comprenez pas, apportez-la à votre bureau local pour recevoir de l'aide.

Esta carta es importante. Si no la entiende, llévela a su oficina local para solicitar ayuda.

Ovaj dopis je važan. Ukoliko je nerazumljiv za vas onda ga ponesite i obratite se lokalnoj kancelariji za pomoć.

Barua hii ni muhimu. Kama huielewi, ichukue, uende nayo katika ofisi yako ya karibu kwa msaada zaidi.

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IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT YOUR MEDICAID, DR. DYNASAUR, OR VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS PLAN (VHAP) COVERAGE

Chiropractors

- **Starting with services provided on or after July 15, 2009, the state will pay for spinal manipulations provided by chiropractic physicians for anyone on Medicaid, Dr. Dynasaur, and VHAP.**
- **The chiropractor must be enrolled in Vermont Medicaid.**
- You will not need to get a referral from your primary care provider.
- In order to get more than ten visits in a calendar year, your chiropractor will need to ask the state ahead of time if more visits can be approved based on your circumstances.
- Children under 12 need prior authorization before getting any services.

IF YOU CURRENTLY ARE ON VHAP-ESIA (EMPLOYER-SPONSORED INSURANCE ASSISTANCE)

Because chiropractic services for manipulations are included in the VHAP benefit as of July 15, 2009, VHAP will pay co-pays, co-insurance, and deductibles for these services. The chiropractor must be enrolled in Vermont Medicaid.

Prescription Drug Benefit

- If you are on Medicaid, Dr. Dynasaur, or the Vermont Health Access Plan (VHAP), beginning with prescriptions that are filled on July 15, 2009, drugs for certain long-term treatments must be given to you in 90-day supplies. These are drugs taken routinely to manage select health issues. They depend on the person's situation and include, but are not limited to, high blood pressure, cholesterol, and diabetes. (M800-M889, 4003.1)

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The first time you try the drug, it can be for a shorter period of time while your provider decides if it is right for you. After that, you will get a 90-day supply. Prescribers have been told about this change. Your prescriber may have to change your prescription to make it for 90 days at a time.

- Starting with prescriptions filled on July 15, 2009, some people on the Vermont Health Access Plan (VHAP) will have a co-pay. **This applies to people with income at or above 100 percent of the federal poverty guideline** (4001.92). This means a monthly household income of \$ 906 for one person or \$1,220 for two people. For other household sizes, please call Member Services at 1-800-250-8427.
 - If the cost to the state for your prescription is \$29.99 or less, your co-pay will be \$1.00.
 - If the state's cost is \$30.00 or more, your co-pay will be \$2.00.

If you are charged more than \$2.00, ask if the pharmacist has billed the state or you may call Member Services.

If you have questions about these changes, call Health Access Member Services at 1-800-250-8427.

Appeal Rights

These changes are being made to comply with the state's Fiscal Year 2010 budget. If you want to appeal any of these changes you may request a fair hearing in person, over the phone, or in writing. You may ask for a fair hearing any time up to 90 days after this notice is mailed to you. For more information or to ask for a fair hearing, call Member Services at 1-800-250-8427. Services will not continue as they are now while your fair hearing is being decided. (M181.3, VHAP 4002.6)

Please insert this page in your Health Care Programs handbook. It updates information on pages 11, 13, 14, 16, and 17. If you would like another copy of the handbook, please call 1-800-250-8427.

REMINDER OF NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

This is to remind you that the Agency of Human Services (AHS) has a Notice of Privacy Practices concerning health information we receive from you or others when you apply for or receive services from AHS.

The notice tells you about how we may use or share your health information and when we may not do so. It also tells you about your rights.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices you may request one by calling the AHS Privacy Officer at 802-241-2841.

You can also find the notice on the AHS website, www.ahs.state.vt.us. (Click on "Help for Vermonters" in the box on the left and look for link to Notice of Privacy Practices.)