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**\*\*Important Changes to Medicaid Copays\*\***

Dear Medicaid Provider,

**Effective 2/1/23**, Vermont Medicaid will reinstate copays from Medicaid members for the following prescription and over-the-counter medications: analgesics (e.g. acetaminophen and ibuprofen), antihistamines, cough suppressants, cough & cold combination products, inhalers, and leukotriene receptor antagonists. These copays were put on hold in 2020 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Medicaid members will not incur copays for services, drugs, testing, and vaccines for the treatment and prevention of COVID-19 during the American Rescue Plan Act coverage period. This remains in place until the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency declaration.

As a reminder, a pharmacy may not refuse to dispense a prescription to a Medicaid beneficiary who does not provide the copayment. However, the beneficiary will still owe the pharmacy any copayment that is not paid, and the pharmacy can continue to request payment.

For questions, please contact the Change Healthcare Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-844-679-5362. Vermont providers can also send inquiries via email to **PBA\_VTHelpdesk@changehealthcare.com**. Thank you for your continued support of Vermont's clinical pharmacy programs.