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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

PEBA HAS NEGOTIATED NEW AND MORE AGGRESSIVE PRICING WITH CVS CAREMARK

The Public Employee Benefits Alliance (PEBA) was created by a group of Texas Government leaders working together for over a year to develop strategies to manage the rising costs of healthcare benefits. PEBA was established in January 2006 and was created pursuant to Chapter 791 of the Texas government Code, the Purchasing Program Chapter 271 of the Texas Local government Code and all other applicable provisions of Texas Law. PEBA membership is open to all Texas local governments who pay an annual membership fee and execute a PEBA Participating Interlocal Agreement. However, local governments who are members of one of the political subdivision Pools will obtain automatic annual PEBA membership through the participating Pool. An additional per proposal fee is established for proposal participants for all non-Pool members.

The mission of PEBA is to support the individual members by providing: negotiation services to manage the spiraling cost of healthcare and related benefits, work through the alliance procurement model to purchase healthcare and related benefits a competitive price, and contractual negotiations which will include vendor service accountability requirements. In order to accomplish this mission, PEBA makes a commitment to negotiate on behalf of the membership affordable, high-quality healthcare and related benefits and services.

The Public Employee Benefits Alliance (PEBA) Board originally met on June 7, 2006 and made the decision to execute a PEBA Alliance agreement with Caremark for the pharmacy benefit manager services effective 10/01/06. The term of that agreement included competitive pricing, as well as a performance guarantee for a three-year period from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2009.

While the pricing and options were, and still are beneficial to the PEBA membership, the Administrative Support for PEBA felt that after the CVS Caremark merger and the ongoing changes in the pharmacy benefit manager arena, there was room for more aggressive pricing options for the PEBA membership. The Administrative Support for PEBA has been working with CVS Caremark for several months to improve the pricing and to accept the additional services that CVS Caremark was offering to PEBA.

The Public Employee Benefits Alliance (PEBA) Board met on March 19, 2008 and again on June 24, 2008 and reviewed the new pricing and plan options for the PEBA and CVS Caremark Alliance relationship. After extensive research and negotiation discussions, the PEBA Board made decision to extend the PEBA and CVS Caremark Alliance contract for an additional three-year period to commence on October 1, 2008.

The term of the pricing amendment will commence on October 1, 2008 and continue through September 30, 2011. This new agreement will extend the current contract an additional two years, for a total of five years.

In addition, the pricing amendment agreement contains a termination stipulation designed to protect the PEBA membership and allow them to enter into the commitment without penalty if they are required to terminate the contract at a later date and meet the specifications. The termination stipulation is as follows:

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“Termination. In the event the governing board of the Client does not approve a budget including sufficient funding for this agreement for the subsequent contract year (October 1 through September 30), Client may terminate the Agreement by providing CVS Caremark at least a ninety (90) days prior to the end of the current contract year notice of termination.”

To be eligible for the pricing enhancement, the membership will be required to sign a Letter of Intent. Members currently accessing the CVS Caremark pricing would also need to sign a new Letter of Intent for the additional three-year period, in order to receive the new options. Please contact PEBA at (800) 348-7879, ext. 6768 if you are interested in receiving this Letter of Intent.

PEBA and CVS Caremark Pricing Enhancement Overview

Please contact PEBA directly for information on the alliance pricing with CVS Caremark. Contact PEBA at peba@tmliebp.org or (800) 348-7879, ext. 6768

Also included in the pharmacy benefit negotiations was discussion regarding improving access to the CVS MinuteClinic. MinuteClinic locations are not in every CVS/pharmacy retail location. MinuteClinic services include the following:

MinuteClinic Comprehensive Health Screen Data Elements

General values that apply to all tests

- Date of exam
- Location of exam
- CVS Caremark plan participant ID

Biometric Test Results

There are three basic test results captured. A1c and Glucose are mutually exclusive.

Cholesterol

- Total Cholesterol
- LDL
- HDL
- Triglycerides
- TC/HDL Ratio
- Date of test

A1c

- A1c Result (%)
- Date of test

Glucose Level

- Glucose Level (mg/dL)
- Date of Test

Other Exam Values

There are numerous other exam data elements that are captured, but are probably not for transfer to the employer or their claims administrator.

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Exam elements: (Please note: This is a sample.)

- Blood Pressure: 160/80
- Weight: 160 Lbs/72.6 Kg
- Blood pressure method: Digital
- Blood pressure site: R arm
- Cuff Size: Adult
- Height: 6 feet 0 inches/1.83 meters
- Body Mass Index: 21.7
- Waist measurement (inches): 32
- Framingham CHD Risk Score: NA
- Estimated 10-year Heart Disease Risk: Moderate Risk
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MinuteClinic Coding Health Screening

Biometric Screening—Comprehensive

CPT	Description
99402	Preventive counseling, Individual
no code	Body Mass Index (BMI)
no code	Waist circumference
no code	Hypertension
82947*	Assay, glucose, blood quant
83036*	A1c - Glycosylated hemoglobin test
80061	Cholesterol - Lipid panel

*includes 82947 OR 83036 depending on diabetic status of patient

Cholesterol Screen Only

CPT	Description
99401	Preventive Counseling, Individual
80061	Cholesterol Screen

Glucose Screen Only

CPT	Description
99401	Preventive Counseling, Individual
82947*	Assay, glucose, blood quant
83036*	A1c - Glycosylated hemoglobin test

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Hypertension Screen and Counseling

CPT	Description
99401	Preventive Counseling - Hypertension

BMI Screen and Counseling

CPT	Description
99401	Preventive Counseling - BMI

Patient History

The standard MinuteClinic exam captures additional patient history that is not shown in detail here. At a high level the patient history includes:

- Medication Allergies (medications use representative NDC codes)
- Medical Conditions
- Current Medications

Below are the MinuteClinic locations within Texas: (For a complete listing, please visit www.minuteclinic.com)

Market	Location/Area	Address	City
Austin	South Austin	5526 South Congress Ave	Austin
Austin	Lake Austin	2610 Lake Austin Boulevard	Austin
Austin	North Austin	11300 North Lamar Boulevard	Austin
Austin	Round Rock	1855 Gattis School Road	Round Rock
Austin	Northwest Austin	11725 North FM 620	Austin
Austin	Southwest Austin	3500 West Slaughter Lane	Austin
Austin	Lakeway	2306 RR 620 South	Lakeway
Dallas/Ft. Worth North	Garland	5702 Lavon Dr	Garland
Houston	Missouri City	6220 Sienna Pkwy	Missouri City
Houston	Katy-Fry Rd	3103 N. Fry Rd.	Katy
Dallas/Ft. Worth North	Wylie	750 W. Fm 544	Wylie
Houston	Spring-Aldine Westfield	24802 Aldine Westfield	Spring
Houston	Spring-Grogans Mill Rd	25110 Grogans Mill Rd	Spring
Dallas/Ft. Worth North	Carrollton	4100 State Hwy 121	Carrollton
Houston	Humble	8000 N. Sam Houston Pkwy E.	Humble
Houston	Spring-Cypress & Champion Forest	8754 Spring Cypress Rd.	Spring
Austin	Downtown	500 Congress Ave	Austin
Austin	Georgetown	4426 Williams Dr	Georgetown
Austin	Cedar Park	851 S Bell Blvd	Cedar Park
Dallas/Ft. Worth South	Irving-MacArthur	5500 N. Macarthur	Irving
Dallas/Ft. Worth North	Allen	1540 E. Main St.	Allen
Dallas/Ft. Worth North	Flower Mound	1100 Flower Mound Rd.	Flower Mound
Dallas/Ft. Worth	N. Richland Hills	6401 Precinct Line Rd.	N. Richland Hills

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South	Dallas/Ft. Worth North	Lewisville	100 W. Corporate Drive	Lewisville
	Dallas/Ft. Worth	Keller	801 N. Tarrant Pkwy.	Keller
South	Dallas/Ft. Worth	Fort Worth-Basswood Blvd	4400 Basswood Blvd.	Fort Worth
South	Dallas/Ft. Worth	Grapevine	3701 Ira E. Woods Ave.	Grapevine
South	Dallas/Ft. Worth	Dallas-Westchester	8335 Westchester Dr., Suite 140	Dallas
South	Dallas/Ft. Worth	Dallas - Downtown	1411 Main St	Dallas
South	Dallas/Ft. Worth	Mesquite	1413 Oates Dr.	Mesquite
South	Dallas/Ft. Worth North	Denton	3200 Teasley Ln.	Denton
	Dallas/Ft. Worth North	Plano-Preston Rd	6761 Preston Rd.	Plano
	Dallas/Ft. Worth	Bedford	601 N Industrial Blvd	Bedford
South	Dallas/Ft. Worth	Saginaw	1301 N. Saginaw Blvd.	Saginaw
South	Dallas/Ft. Worth North	Frisco	5401 Lebanon	Frisco
	Dallas/Ft. Worth North	McKinney-Eldorado	2100 El Dorado Pkwy	McKinney
	Dallas/Ft. Worth North	Little Elm	2591 Fm 423	Little Elm
	Dallas/Ft. Worth	Rockwall	2004 N. Goliad Street	Rockwall
South	Dallas/Ft. Worth North	Plano - Spring Creek	2101 W. Spring Creek Pkwy.	Plano
	Dallas/Ft. Worth North	McKinney-Custer	8995 Stacy Rd	McKinney
Houston		Houston-Memorial & Eldridge	15010 Memorial Dr.	Houston
Houston		Pearland-Broadway	9522 Broadway St.	Pearland
Houston		Pearland-FM 518 & Pearland Pkwy	2900 Broadway St.	Pearland
Houston		Beaumont - Nederland	2712 State Hwy 365	Nederland
Houston		Houston-5402 Westheimer Rd	5402 Westheimer Rd Ste K	Houston

Get More for Your Health Care Dollars with the CVS Caremark ExtraCare® Health Card

As part of your benefit plan, PEBA is pleased to offer the CVS Caremark ExtraCare Health card, a valuable new benefit that may help you save money on the health-related items you use most. The ExtraCare Health card provides a 20 percent savings on certain CVS/pharmacy brand, flexible spending account (FSA)-eligible, health-related items.

How it Works

You may have already received three ExtraCare Health key tags in the mail that can be used by you, your spouse and your dependents. Just present the key tag at the CVS/pharmacy register and automatically receive 20 percent off eligible items. A summary of your savings will appear on your receipt. You and your family can use the card at the more than 6,300 CVS/pharmacy locations nationwide.

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Save up to \$200 Annually*

The ExtraCare Health card may provide savings on the health-related items you and your family use most, from cough and cold remedies to pain and allergy relief products. CVS/pharmacy brands are of the same high quality as national brands, but cost much less. With the ExtraCare Health card, you can save even more—up to 40 percent—on these items.

Please note that the discount does not apply to prescriptions, vitamins, nutritional supplements and non-health-related items.

Same Benefits as the ExtraCare Card

If you already have an ExtraCare card, the ExtraCare Health card will replace it. Using the ExtraCare Health card also entitles you to all of the benefits of the ExtraCare Rewards Program. This means in addition to your 20 percent discount, you will earn 2 percent in Extra Bucks® on non-prescription purchases and one Extra Buck™ for every two prescriptions purchased.**

For more information or to transfer your ExtraCare reward balance to your ExtraCare Health card, call the toll-free number on the back of your new card.

*Source: CVS Caremark data, 2008; savings dependent on frequency of card use.

**Excludes Medicare and Medicaid recipients.

The 20 percent discount is restricted to items purchased for the health care of the cardholder, spouse or dependents.

Excludes prescriptions, alcohol, tobacco, lottery, postage stamps, gift cards, money orders, pre-paid cards, photo finishing and CVS.com purchases, and are not valid on other items reimbursed by a governmental program.

The FSA summary of your receipt includes the items (and tax) that may be eligible for reimbursement from your FSA/HRA/HSA plan. Plan restrictions may apply. Check with your plan administrator for more details.