

## HealthSelect<sup>of Texas</sup> Medicare

### Welcome UnitedHealthcare

The ERS Board of Trustees awarded the third-party administrator contract for the Texas Employees Group Benefits Program (GBP) HealthSelect Medicare Rx program to UnitedHealthcare. UnitedHealthcare will begin administering the HealthSelect Medicare Rx plan on January 1, 2017. The current administrator, SilverScript, will continue to manage the plan through December 31, 2016.

ERS rebids the administration of its benefit programs on a regular basis to ensure they are providing competitive benefits at a reasonable cost.

UnitedHealthcare offered significant cost savings to administer the GBP prescription drugs plans. Drug costs in the three HealthSelect plans and KelseyCare Advantage are expected to average about \$1.5 billion a year, and the savings from UnitedHealthcare will help offset those costs.

UnitedHealthcare also currently manages the HealthSelect of Texas and Consumer Directed HealthSelect plans.

### Enrollment and ID Cards

Your enrollment in HealthSelect Medicare Rx is based on your health plan and you do not directly enroll in the prescription drug plan. All Medicare-eligible retirees and dependents enrolled in HealthSelect of Texas, HealthSelect Medicare Advantage and KelseyCare Medicare Advantage will remain in the HealthSelect Medicare Rx plan and do not need to re-enroll in the prescription drug plan due to this transition.

You will receive a new HealthSelect Medicare Rx ID card from UnitedHealthcare in December. Please begin using this card on January 1, 2017. Please continue using your SilverScript issued card through December 31, 2016.



### Pharmacy Network

The plan will continue to offer a large pharmacy network that includes retail pharmacies for short-term medication (30-day supply or less) and a mail order program for long-term medication (31- to 90-day supply.) Some participating retail pharmacies are also part of special network called the Extended Days Supply (EDS) retail network and will fill a long-term medication (31- to 90-day supply) at the same price as the mail order pharmacy. If you purchase a long-term medication at a non-EDS retail pharmacy, you will pay more for your prescription.

For a list of network and EDS pharmacies as of January 1, 2017, please visit [www.HSMedicareRx.com](http://www.HSMedicareRx.com) and review the UnitedHealthcare pharmacy network information.

### Copay Tiers are not Changing

The 3-tier copay structure and copay amounts will remain the same with the transition to UnitedHealthcare. However, the covered drug list may change. This means that certain drugs that are currently covered by SilverScript may no longer be covered under UnitedHealthcare or may be subject to a higher copay. It also means that UnitedHealthcare may cover certain drugs that were not previously covered under SilverScript, or they may have a lower copay.



## New Drug Formulary List

The formulary list contains medications covered by the plan and the applicable copay tier. The formulary list is updated at the beginning of each year. Therefore, the SilverScript formulary list is only effective through December 31, 2016, and will be different than UnitedHealthcare formulary list that will be effective January 1, 2017. UnitedHealthcare will mail the new formulary drug list to you in November. Because the HealthSelect Medicare Rx plan is governed by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS,) you will also receive additional CMS required notices beginning in December about the formulary changes. In addition to these mailings, UnitedHealthcare will send a notice to you if you are taking a medication that has been removed from the formulary list.

## Plan Website

Beginning October 17, you will have access to both your current pharmacy benefits information (through SilverScript) and plan information as of January 1, 2017 (through UnitedHealthcare) available in one place at **[www.HSMedicareRx.com](http://www.HSMedicareRx.com)**. We hope this makes it easier for you to access your pharmacy claims and benefits information through December 31 and beyond. You will continue to have access to your personal account through SilverScript through December 31, 2019. You will also be able to create a UnitedHealthcare account starting January 1, 2017.

## Look for more information

You will continue to receive Medicare required communications during this transition. You will first receive a packet from ERS regarding your current enrollment and information about Fall Enrollment 2016. Then, you will receive your initial packet from UnitedHealthcare that includes general plan and mail order information. After that, you will receive several required Medicare notices including a letter from SilverScript informing you coverage with them ends after December 31. You will also receive additional information from UnitedHealthcare including your new ID cards, formulary lists, Evidence of Coverage and other helpful documents. Please contact UnitedHealthcare if you have any questions about any of the materials you receive during this transition.

For more information about the plan as of January 1, please contact HealthSelect Medicare Rx customer care at UnitedHealthcare toll-free at (866) 868-0609, TTY 711. The UnitedHealthcare call center is available beginning October 15 and is based out of Harlingen, Texas.

Please continue to contact the SilverScript call center regarding your current prescriptions and plan information through December 31 toll-free at (855) 344-0938, TTY 711.