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UPDATE!!!
\$0 COPAYMENT TIER NOW INCLUDES
GENERIC LIPITOR (Atorvastatin)
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1

Dear Valued Member:

In an effort to encourage safe and cost-effective use of medication, the City of Bryan is adding effective, September 1, 2012, generic atorvastatin (Lipitor) to the covered generic statin cholesterol-lowering medications for a \$0 copay. These medications are commonly used to improve different cholesterol related conditions and are provided at no cost to you.

There are now 4 generic statin drugs covered for \$0 copay tier!

The City of Bryan members may receive one of these 4 generic drugs: simvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin or atorvastatin for a zero copayment (\$0). This means that if you are currently taking a brand-name medication such as Lipitor, Crestor, Vytorin, Zetia, Advicor, Simcor, Altoprev, Lescol, Pravigard or Livalo you will have the opportunity to try a generic alternative for a zero copayment.

If you have tried a generic medication that has not worked for you, then you and your doctor can determine what alternative medication is best for you.

In order to take advantage of this benefit, simply call your physician's office and ask if you are able to take advantage of this offer. If your physician agrees, then ask for a new prescription for simvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, or atorvastatin and take the prescription to your local pharmacy. Please note that the prescription must be written for one of the four generics listed above in order for the medication to be covered by your plan at \$0 copay.

If you have any questions about this change or need additional information, please call the CVS/Caremark customer service department at 1-866-260-4646. Representatives are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist you.

Sincerely,

The City of Bryan

\$0 COPAY for GENERIC STATIN CHOLESTEROL-LOWERING MEDICATION

Questions & Answers

Why did the City implement this program?

The \$0 copay generic, statin cholesterol-lowering medication program is being implemented to help manage the rising costs of prescription drugs and to ensure the safe and cost-effective use of medications. This program offers the option to use a generic statin alternative, which saves both the members and plan money.

My doctor prescribed a brand-name medication. What should I do?

If you are currently taking a brand-name cholesterol lowering medication such as Lipitor, Crestor, Vytorin, Zetia, Advicor, Simcor, Altoprev, Lescol, Pravigard or Livalo, call your doctor and tell him or her that you have received a letter about this new program. Ask them whether simvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, or atorvastatin is a good alternative and appropriate for you to take instead of one of the more expensive brand medications. If yes, then ask for a new prescription.

Is the City doing this to save money?

This program is designed to help slow the rising cost of prescription drugs and to increase awareness of generic options. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), a generic drug is the same as a brand-name drug in dosage, safety, strength, quality, the way it works, the way it is taken, and the way it should be used.

I tried a generic alternative last year and it didn't work. Do I need to try it again?

No, you are not required to try a generic alternative again. If your doctor has determined that you have tried a generic statin alternative without success, he or she can provide you with a prescription for any of the brand-name medications without a prior authorization. You will have to pay the brand or generic copay associated with your medication.