

## ***HEALTH BENEFITS E-NEWS***

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### ***Prescription Drug Program Enhancement Takes Effect July 1, 2011***

In an effort to make certain drugs more affordable for members who take multisource drugs, the State Health Benefits Program will provide a maximum \$100 out-of-pocket cost for up to a 34-day supply at retail and a \$200 maximum for up to a 90-day supply at mail service of drugs in **three prescription drug categories**.

Multisource drugs are brand name drugs with a generic equivalent. Currently, the mandatory generic drug program requires that members who purchase a brand name when a generic is available pay the copayment plus the difference between the brand and the generic version.

The enhancement will apply only to immunosuppressant, anticonvulsant, and psychotherapeutic (antidepressants, antipsychotics, selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) and anti-anxiety drugs) drug categories. Please distribute the attached flyer to all your agency employees. **Members who take these drugs and are considering enrollment in a Medical Flexible Reimbursement Account may need to adjust their contributions during Open Enrollment.**

As always, thank you for your assistance.

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