

PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

HEU members' Pacific Blue Cross prescription drug coverage will now coordinate with B.C.'s Fair Pharmacare program in what's known as a Pharmacare Tie-in. It's a progressive move that maintains members' access to medications and ensures health benefit dollars are wisely spent.

Fair Pharmacare

This is a public program that gives priority to generic drugs over brand-name drugs. Generic equivalent medications provide the same medical benefit but cost less. And less of our money ends up as profits for pharmaceutical companies (Big Pharma).

How does it work?

- ✓ Prescription coverage and entitlements stay the same. The drug costs and dispensing fees that are already covered will not change.
- ✓ The date of the shift to Fair Pharmacare is still to be determined.
- ✓ More communication and information from health employers and HEU will be available before, during and after the shift to Fair Pharmacare.
- ✓ HEU is preparing a letter to doctors on the Pharmacare Tie-in that will be distributed to members. A member can give this information to their doctor but it's not required.
- ✓ If a doctor says a brand-name drug is required, the doctor will do the paper work for the coverage of this specific medication.

FACILITIES TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

FACT SHEET {2012}

1