



## NEWS AND NOTES SPRING 2018

A Periodic Publication from the East End Health Plan

### EAST END HEALTH PLAN SETS NEW PREMIUMS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

The East End Health Plan Board of Trustees has established the rates for the 2018-2019 School Year.

**REMEMBER THAT IF YOU PAY YOUR PREMIUMS DIRECTLY, SUCH AS RETIREES AND COBRA ENROLLEES, OR IF, AS AN ACTIVE ENROLLEE, YOUR DISTRICT REQUIRES THAT YOU PAY A PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION, THE AMOUNT YOU PAY DEPENDS UPON THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT YOU HAVE WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WHERE YOU ARE/WERE EMPLOYED. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM, PLEASE CONTACT THE HEALTH PLAN COORDINATOR AT YOUR DISTRICT.**

**IN MAY 2018 WE WILL BE MAILING A LETTER TO EACH MEMBER THAT PAYS THEIR PREMIUM DIRECTLY TO THE EEHP, THROUGH J. J. STANIS, INDICATING WHAT THEIR NEW MONTHLY PAYMENT WILL BE.**

The monthly rates which will go into effect as of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 will be:

Individual Policy:	\$ 1,175.00
Family Policy:	\$ 2,675.00

The rates for those retirees in the Plan who have Primary Coverage through Medicare will remain the same as this year as follows:

Individual Covered by Medicare:	\$ 740.00
One Spouse Covered by Medicare/ One Not Covered by Medicare:	\$1,800.00
Both Spouses Covered by Medicare:	\$1,485.00

#### **COBRA RATES:**

Individual Policy:	\$1,198.50
Family Policy:	\$2,728.50

### REDUCE YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST THROUGH CANARx PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM

In 2015, the East End Health Plan made available on a **voluntary** basis to all enrolled members, other than Medicare Primary members, including dependents, a new, cost saving, **international mail order drug program** for brand name prescriptions known as **EEHPCanaRx** administered by **CanaRx**. This is a totally voluntary program and does not replace your current prescription benefit plan.

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Participation is not automatic. You must enroll in the program. Medicare Primary members are not eligible to participate in the program. The program provides the option for EEHP eligible non-Medicare members, and qualifying dependents to order select **Brand Name** maintenance medications at a **ZERO (\$0) COPAY, from licensed pharmacies in Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand.** These are all **Tier One countries**, designated by the United States Congress to have licensing and safety standards at least as strong as the United States. Learn more about the program by visiting [www.EEHPCanRx.com](http://www.EEHPCanRx.com).

### EEHP Value Added Programs and Services

The EEHP, working with Empire BlueCross/BlueShield, has developed an exclusive website for our EEHP members. The website includes a wealth of information regarding your EEHP Benefits, Health and Wellness Programs available to you, Resources and Tools including Find a Doctor, Hospital, or Urgent Care location, Forms, Estimate Your Cost for a Procedure and even check the status of your claims. It can be found at [www.empireblue.com/eehp](http://www.empireblue.com/eehp). Visit the website today, sign up for an account and take advantage of the extensive benefits and services the EEHP has to offer our membership.

### EPIC Hearing Healthcare Discount Program

With hearing loss on the rise, auditory health and wellness are increasingly important. Through the efforts of Davis Vision, our Optical Benefit Administrator, our members have free access to Hearing Service Plans offered by EPIC (Ear Professionals International Corporation) for a savings of 30% – 60% off of suggested retail prices for brand name hearing aids through the largest, accredited network of audiologists and ENT physicians. Additional savings are available through EPIC's *Listen, Hear, Live Well* rewards program. For more information contact EPIC directly at 844-246-0544 (the customer toll free number) or visit [www.epichearing.com/davisvision](http://www.epichearing.com/davisvision).

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