



## **Notice to Texas Groups: Prime Pharmacy Network Change Effective Jan. 1, 2017**

Effective Jan. 1, 2017 (regardless of renewal date), CVS pharmacies and CVS pharmacies in a Target store will no longer be a part of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) standard pharmacy network, administered by Prime Therapeutics.

This network change impacts fully insured groups and retail markets, including College/University Student Health Plans.

BCBSTX works closely with Prime Therapeutics to continuously assess our pharmacy networks and offerings to ensure we are maintaining affordable benefits for our members, including obtaining competitive reimbursement rates from participating pharmacies within Prime's network. During ongoing negotiations, CVS Pharmacy requested a higher reimbursement rate for generic prescriptions in comparison to other pharmacies. Therefore, BCBSTX has made the decision to no longer include CVS pharmacies within the pharmacy network.

Members will continue to have access to more than 55,000 nationwide pharmacies in network (without CVS), with more than 4,000 located within Texas. This includes many major pharmacy chains such as Walgreens, Walmart, Kroger, HEB, Brookshire's and many independent pharmacies. In every county where we have a presence, we continue to exceed network adequacy standards set by Texas with the remaining pharmacies in network.

BCBSTX is committed to helping our members find the most convenient alternative for their pharmacy coverage needs. Impacted members, who have had a recent CVS claim, will be notified 60 days in advance with a letter to be sent in October. In addition, if members need help finding a network pharmacy, they can call the Pharmacy Program number on the back of their insurance card or access our online searchable directory at [www.myprime.com/en/find-pharmacy.html](http://www.myprime.com/en/find-pharmacy.html).

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact your account representative.