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**TO:** State Biweekly, State Monthly, and SHBP Participating Local Government  
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**FROM:** New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits (NJDPB)

**SUBJECT: SHBP Generic Prescription Drug Mail Order Incentive**

The New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits (NJDPB) is pleased to announce that the SHBP Plan Design Committee (PDC) has approved a generic mail-order incentive program to begin November 1, 2019, for all active employees participating in the SHBP Prescription Drug Plans.

Under the new incentive, active employees in the SHBP Prescription Drug Plans will pay \$0 for up to a 90-day supply of generic prescription drugs<sup>1</sup> when filled through the OptumRx mail-service Home Delivery Program.

The incentive is designed to encourage member utilization of mail order services for generic drugs — reducing participant out-of-pocket costs for generic prescriptions and saving on time and travel to and from the pharmacy through home delivery.

Please inform your active employees about this new cost-saving incentive. The SHBP *Medical Plan Design* charts have been revised to show the new \$0 generic copayment, along with other out-of-pocket costs, for the remainder of the 2019 and upcoming 2020 plan years. The comparison charts can be found on the NJDPB website: [www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions](http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions)

This \$0 copayment incentive is scheduled to continue for at least one plan year, and will be subject to renewal after review by the SHBP PDC.

## USING THE HOME DELIVERY PROGRAM

OptumRx Home Delivery Program is designed for participants taking medication on an ongoing basis, such as maintenance drugs for a chronic health condition. All home delivery prescriptions are filled by registered pharmacists who are available for consultation 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

An employee's treating physician determines whether a brand name or generic product is dispensed. Covered employees can take full advantage of the cost savings offered under this incentive by asking their physicians to prescribe a generic drug through the OptumRx Home Delivery Program whenever it is legally or therapeutically permissible.

If there is an immediate need for an initial prescription, the employee can ask the physician to provide two prescriptions — one for a 90-day supply plus refills to OptumRx Home Delivery, and

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<sup>1</sup> Standard copayment amounts continue to apply for generic drugs when purchased through a retail pharmacy, for all name brand drugs, and for all prescription drug services for retirees in the SHBP.

a second for a 30-day supply of medication to be filled at a local pharmacy (applicable retail copayment applies), which can be used while the home delivery prescription is being processed.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For additional information about OptumRx and the Home Delivery Program, you can contact OptumRx Member Services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 1-844-368-8740, or by visiting the OptumRx website: [www.optumrx.com](http://www.optumrx.com)

Detailed information about the SHBP Prescription Drug Plan is available in the *SHBP Prescription Drug Plan Member Guidebook*, which is available on the NJDPB website: [www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/](http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/)

If you have general questions about the SHBP Prescription Drug Plan or the information in this letter, please contact our Office of Client Services at (609) 292-7524 or send an email to: [pensions.nj@treas.nj.gov](mailto:pensions.nj@treas.nj.gov)