



Thank you for your continued commitment as a valued member of California Schools Benefits Trust through California Schools VEBA. Our number one goal is to continue delivering the highest quality benefits, at the lowest possible costs. We're pleased to announce that our consistent, long-term strategy has again produced a very reasonable renewal for the 2018 plan year.

What's Changing

- Rate Changes
- Express Scripts Preventive Cholesterol Drugs Copay
- Performance HMO Network Medical Groups
- Vision Retail Frame Allowance Increasing from \$120 to \$150

Express Scripts: Preventive Cholesterol Drugs Copay

The Express Scripts plans will now include additional preventive medications at no cost to the member based on recommendations by the US Preventive Task Force. Beginning January 1, 2018, cholesterol drugs will be available at no copay for members that meet the following criteria:

- Adults age 40-75 without a history of cardiovascular disease
- Have the presence of a health risk factor such as hypertension or smoking

Please note that copays are waived only for low/moderate dose cholesterol drugs (not high intensity which includes, for example, atorvastatin 40mg or rosuvastatin 20-40mg). They must be filled either through Express Scripts mail order or at a Smart 90 pharmacy.

Performance HMO Network: Los Angeles/San Bernardino

The Performance HMO plan is designed to help members make informed decisions about their Primary Care Provider (PCP) by ranking medical groups in three networks based on quality scores and pricing. Each year, the medical groups are evaluated to ensure they are assigned to the correct network and are adjusted if their position changes. The following groups will be moved for 2018:

- St. Vincent Medical Group IPA will be moving from Network 1 to Network 2
- Dignity Health Medical Group will be moving from Network 1 to Network 2

Members currently in either of these medical groups will be notified of this change.