

## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION PHARMACY BENEFITS

Please read this notice carefully. It provides you with important information on obtaining medication for a work related injury or illness under a new law enacted in March 2007.

The New York State Insurance Fund (NYSIF) has entered into an agreement with Express Scripts Inc., a Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM), which has a network of pharmacies to make available the medications workers may receive for their **work-related** injury or sickness. This does not change your right to get the medication necessary to treat such an illness or injury. It only means that you should obtain that medication from Express Scripts network pharmacies. The pharmacies, and their addresses, can be obtained by:

- calling the **Express Scripts Call Center at (866) 533-7011**,
- using the **ESI website [www.express-scripts.com/custom/expresscomp pharm](http://www.express-scripts.com/custom/expresscomp pharm)**, or
- using the **NYSIF website [www.nysif.com](http://www.nysif.com)**.

If you are obtaining your medication through a workers' compensation claim, you should obtain that medication from one of these pharmacies unless:

- you have a medical emergency, and it is not reasonably possible to purchase the medications you need for that emergency from a network pharmacy,
- the pharmacy is not within 10 miles of your rural location, or within one mile of your non-rural location and no pharmacy in the network will deliver to you.

Please note that Express Scripts has mail-order service. Instructions for mail-order can be obtained by calling the Express Scripts Call Center at (866) 533-7011.

All pharmacies in the network are required to keep a sufficient stock of medication on hand so that they can service you without undue delay.

All in-store pharmacies must be open for business during hours that are typical in your community, and must post a sign saying that they serve injured workers who receive their benefits from NYSIF.

Express Scripts network pharmacies will bill NYSIF directly. **You will not have to pay out-of-pocket costs for medication.**

You may obtain additional information about Express Scripts network of pharmacies from the following website: [www.express-scripts.com](http://www.express-scripts.com), or toll free 24 hour telephone number (866) 533-7011.

If you have any questions or problems, please call NYSIF at (866) 303-7737, the Workers' Compensation Board at (877) 632-4996, or the Board's Advocate for Injured Workers at (800) 580-6665. Further information can be found on the website [www.wcb.state.ny.us](http://www.wcb.state.ny.us).

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