

## CONTRA COSTA ELECTRICAL WORKERS BENEFIT OFFICE

## FOR THE HEALTH & WELFARE AND RETIREMENT FUNDS

Date: March 2020

To: All Health & Welfare Participants

From: The CCEW Benefit Office and The Health & Welfare Board of Trustees

Re: Coronavirus ("COVID-19") Preparedness

Dear Participant:

Due to the escalating coronavirus situation, the Electrical Workers Health & Welfare Plan for Contra Costa County ("the Plan") has worked with the Plan's healthcare providers to ensure that Participants still have access to prescriptions as well as COVID-19 testing.

Please be advised that the Plan has waived any cost sharing associated with COVID-19 testing and screenings. Given the extent of this pandemic, the Plan will provide coverage for COVID-19 testing and screenings at zero cost to the member to eliminate any financial barrier in seeking testing.

Sav-Rx Prescription Services ("Sav-Rx") has extended the refill parameters at retail pharmacies and the Sav-Rx Mail Order Pharmacy. Effective immediately and until further notice, refill parameters for maintenance medications have been extended to allow participants to refill medications when 50% of the current supply has been utilized. Please note, this does not apply to opioids or controlled substances and regular benefit co-pays will apply. Since the spread of the disease is unpredictable, Sav-Rx has extended this to all parts of the country including areas which have not been impacted.

Kaiser Permanente has informed the Plan that Kaiser Permanente pharmacists can use their clinical judgement if a participant requests early refills. Pharmacists may refill supplies up to 90 days in all regions, except California, where 100-day supplies are available at the pharmacist's discretion. Regular benefit co-pays will apply.

We will continue to work with the Plan's health care providers to monitor the COVID-19 situation and will keep you informed of any updates regarding your benefits.

Feel free to contact the Benefit Office if you have any questions.

Stay Healthy.

Sincerely,

The CCEW Benefit Office



