



# No Co-Payments for Meridian Health Plan Members

To: All MHP Providers  
From: Provider Services  
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Re: No Co-Pays

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Currently Medicaid recipients enrolled in the Illinois Health Connect Program have co-payments for Medicaid covered benefits. These co-pays include doctor office visits, outpatient hospital visits, emergency room visits, inpatient hospital stays and prescriptions filled at the pharmacy.

Meridian Health Plan (MHP) has always covered the co-pays for any covered Medicaid benefit incurred by our members and recently has implemented reimbursement for any co-pays rendered at a pharmacy for a Medicaid covered prescription. MHP asks that the member simply retain the receipt for any covered prescription filled and mail it to our office for reimbursement.

Co-pays are often implemented in an effort to administer accountability to the member. However, it is Meridian Health Plan's point of view that Providers may frequently suffer the loss of the co-pay if the member is unable to provide it. This lack of co-pay is then absorbed by the Provider.

Meridian uses others methods and incentives to help teach accountability to our members. We center these on quality based programs that reward the member for obtaining preventive services that help lead to a healthier lifestyle.

## **MERIDIAN HEALTH PLAN (MHP) COVERS CO-PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAID COVERED BENEFITS, INCLUDING PHARMACY FOR OUR MEMBERS.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding co-pays, please feel free to contact our provider services department at 866-606-3700.

Respectfully,

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