

Walgreens becomes in-network retail pharmacy as of September 15, 2012

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We are pleased to share with you that Express Scripts and Walgreens have finally reached an agreement for Walgreens to participate as an in-network retail pharmacy, and, as a result, our members will be able to use their pharmacy benefit at Walgreens stores beginning Sept. 15, 2012.

What does this mean to our members?

Effective September 15, 2012, new and existing members, including those enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid plans, will have Walgreens as one of their in-network pharmacies to choose from. Other Walgreens-owned pharmacies, such as Duane Reade and Happy Harry's will also be considered as network pharmacies. This development gives our members access to more than 64,000 in-network retail pharmacies across the country.

We are working with Express Scripts to ensure a smooth transition for our members who may wish to transfer their prescriptions to Walgreens. In most cases, members may simply take their medicine bottle to the new drug store and the drug store will transfer the prescription. In some states, including New York, and for some medications, members will need to ask their doctor to call the new drug store with the prescription details. Members can also continue to use their current pharmacy.

For clients that have pharmacy network performance guarantees as part of their contract, those guarantees will continue to be honored.

We have prepared some [frequently asked questions](#) to address questions that you or others may have. Please contact your sales representative with any additional questions.

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