

## CS Trust Bulletin

### May 2024



#### **New Cancer Care Services**

Beginning in July 2024, Geisinger Health Plan along with OncoHealth® will start providing new supportive cancer care services to GHP's members. The software and services platform combines oncology value management services with virtual cancer care. Services include 24/7 oncology nursing, mental health, nutrition, and resource navigation.

Attached is the press release that includes more details.

[Geisinger Health Plan and OncoHealth® to provide cancer support](#)

#### **Risant Health**

Risant Health has announced the completion of its acquisition of Geisinger as its first health system dedicated to increasing access to value-based care and coverage.

Through this first acquisition, Risant Health brings together Kaiser Permanente's integrated care and coverage expertise and Geisinger's experience in advancing value-based care in a model that includes various payers and a broad network of providers, while serving some of the most vulnerable and marginalized communities.

With the close of the transaction, Jaewon Ryu, M.D., J.D., who has served as Geisinger's president and CEO will become the first CEO of Risant Health. Terry Gilliland, M.D. will assume the role of president and CEO of Geisinger once Dr. Ryu's transition is complete.

For CS Trust participants, there is no immediate change. Geisinger will maintain its name and mission, continue accepting patients' coverage by other health plans, and continue offering its members a broad network of care providers in addition to Geisinger.



The Capital Blue Cross Health Promotion & Wellness team is offering a Nutrition & Diabetes Workshop on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at noon.

Led by a registered dietitian, Kaity Miele, this workshop focuses on diet and lifestyle modifications that help manage and lower the risk of diabetes. This workshop is appropriate for those with prediabetes or an increased risk of diabetes, an interest in weight management, or those simply wanting to learn more about general healthy eating and lifestyle patterns.

**CLICK [HERE](#) to register for this one-hour nutrition workshop.**

After registering, a confirmation email will be sent. For questions, please contact Kaity Miele at [Kaitlyn.miele@capitalbluecross.com](mailto:Kaitlyn.miele@capitalbluecross.com).

Also, attached is a flier that includes more details on the workshop, diabetes management and nutrition.

[HEW-475\\_DiabetesNutritionWorkshop.pdf](#)



### **National Preferred Formulary July 1, 2024 Updates**

On July 1, 2024, Express Scripts will exclude seven additional products from the National Preferred Formulary (NPF), demonstrating its commitment to minimizing healthcare waste by excluding high-cost medications that may not provide greater clinical results.

The list of new exclusions, preferred alternatives, and preferred to non-preferred changes is attached.

[NPF Exclusion List](#)

### **Express Scripts Announces Humira Biosimilar**

Beginning this June, Evernorth Health Services will have a Humira biosimilar available for \$0 out-of-pocket for eligible Express Scripts patients of specialty pharmacy, Accredo. This biosimilar will be added to the National Preferred Formulary.

Patients eligible for Quallent's copay assistance program will pay \$0 out-of-pocket. This program is estimated to save individual patients around \$3,500 per year.

This biosimilar will cost plans less than \$1,000 per 30-day fill, more than 85% less than the current Humira list price.



SaveOnSP, the copay assistance benefit administrator, continues to monitor available specialty manufacturer copay assistance programs to optimize savings opportunities. Drug list modifications for July 1, 2024, ensure alignment with SaveOnSP's research and are based on the inclusion of the copay assistance benefit in the pharmacy benefit plan design.

These changes have minimal plan participant impact. Please review and share the [2024 Copay Assistance Benefits Drug List](#). Highlighted in green are additions and highlighted in red are removals.

\*Prescription drug benefit plan terms will always take precedence. Medications with prior authorization criteria must be approved in advance by the plan and follow applicable laws and/or regulations.