

NOTICE OF CHANGES TO PHARMACY CO-PAYMENTS

In August, as part of the fiscal year 2012 Department of Defense budget, Congress approved a change to the pharmacy co-payments for all TRICARE beneficiaries effective on October 1, 2011. The changes are outlined in the chart below:

	PHARMACY	COST OF PRESCRIPTION PER FILL	COST OF PRESCRIPTION PER YEAR
Generic Drugs	Maxor Mail Order or at the Fort Wadsworth & Mitchel Field facilities	Free	Free
	Local Pharmacy	\$5	\$60
Brand Name Drugs	Maxor Mail Order or at the Fort Wadsworth & Mitchel Field facilities	\$9	\$36
	Local Pharmacy	\$12	\$144
Non-Formulary Drugs	Maxor Mail Order or at the Fort Wadsworth & Mitchel Field facilities	\$25	\$100
	Local Pharmacy	\$25	\$300

As you can see prescriptions for generic medications filled by Maxor mail order, or at one of Maxor pharmacies at Mitchel Field or Fort Wadsworth will be free: \$0 copay. Brand name medications filled by mail order or at Mitchel Field or Fort Wadsworth, remains at \$9 copay for up to 90-day supply.

On the other hand the copayment for any medication, generic or brand, filled at a network retail pharmacy will increase. Generics will be \$5.00 (instead of \$3.00) and brand name will be \$12 (instead of \$9.00) for a 30-day supply.

Non-formulary medications go up to \$25 (instead of \$22.00) in all locations; but you still get a 90-day supply at the mail order pharmacy.

These changes make it even less expensive to order all of your medications from Maxor mail order or from our 2 New York pharmacies. Until new member cards with the updated copayments can be sent out, please continue to use your current card. If you have questions do not hesitate to email usfhp@svcmcnyc.org or call customer service at 800-241-4848.