Important Information for Graduate Students, Post-doctoral Research Fellows and Research Trainees Enrolled in the MontePrime EPO Health Insurance Plan with Prescription Drug Coverage through the Montefiore Outpatient Pharmacy

The MontePrime EPO Plan provides prescription drug benefits only through the Montefiore Outpatient Pharmacy. We have made it easier to have prescriptions filled at the Montefiore Outpatient Pharmacy delivered to Einstein's campus for pick up at the Script Center located on the first floor of the Gruss Building/MRRC. Prescriptions called into the Montefiore Outpatient Pharmacy by 11 a.m. Monday through Friday are delivered to the Script Center by 2:30 p.m. the same day. Click here for more information about using the Montefiore Outpatient Pharmacy and the Script Center.

When You Can’t Wait for the Montefiore Outpatient Pharmacy

We recognize however, that there may be times when the Montefiore Outpatient Pharmacy may not be the best or fastest option available to you for filling your prescriptions and rather than wait, there is an option available to you on an exception basis.

Einstein has made special arrangements to reimburse you for drugs purchased at a retail pharmacy due to the following exceptions:

- If you need to have a prescription filled to treat an acute illness on an emergency basis and you have missed the 11:00 a.m. deadline for same day delivery to the Einstein campus, or
- If you need to have a prescription filled in the evenings or on the weekend when the Montefiore Outpatient Pharmacy is closed (the Montefiore Outpatient Pharmacy is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.).

Exception Reimbursements

You can fill your prescription at a retail pharmacy but you will have to pay the full cost for the medication. You will receive reimbursement of your out of pocket costs (less any copays/coinsurance that may apply). If you use a pharmacy in the Express Script network (for example, CVS or Rite Aid) your reimbursement will be higher than if you use a pharmacy that is not in the network. To locate a pharmacy in the Express Script’s network, go to www.express-scripts.com.

Submit your receipts along with the Prescription Drug Reimbursement form to the Benefits Office, Belfer Building, Room 1201 for processing. Since the reimbursements are processed directly by Express Scripts, it may take 3-4 weeks to receive your reimbursement.

MonteCare PPO Plan

Beginning January 1, 2017, the MonteCare PPO Plan was offered as an alternative to the MontePrime EPO plan at an additional cost. The MonteCare PPO provides you with more options with respect to your prescription drug benefits. The plan allows you to save money on your prescription drugs by using the Montefiore Outpatient Pharmacy but also allows you to have your prescriptions filled at a retail pharmacy at any time not subject to any exceptions. You can enroll in the MonteCare PPO as a new hire or during the annual open enrollment period which occurs each November for a January 1 effective date.

Make Arrangements Ahead of Time!

Lastly, if you will be out the area for a length of time, you should speak to your doctor ahead of time about obtaining a 90-day supply of any medications you may need. The law allows all prescriptions (including those for controlled substances) to be written for a 90-day supply as long as the doctor agrees to it, writes it for a 90-day supply and indicates the required code on the prescription.