

## THE BENEFIT

**Housing Benefits Plan (HBP) is the medical plan provided to you by your housing authority. It is directed by housing authority Executive Directors from across Southeast and Southwest NAHRO for the benefit of housing authorities.**

*Please share this with all of the HBP participants at your housing authority, including retirees and Cobra participants.*



### Pharmacy Program Enhancements for 2020

UHC is enhancing the prescription drug program to include the following changes as of January 1, 2020:

- Waive additional prescription drug cost-sharing for medications administered in an outpatient office visit setting
- Implement the enhanced "Access" Preferred Drug List (PDL)

Under this expanded PDL, nearly 1 in 3 covered members could see their out of pocket costs for prescription drugs reduced next year. This is based on members' prescription utilization for the period of 1/1/19-7/31/19. The majority of members will have no change. About 1/3 of members will have a positive change. Six members will have a negative change. The negative changes involve contraceptives. Please see the attached for contraceptives offered at zero cost through UHC.

Any adversely impacted members will receive notification 30-60 days prior to January 1, 2020.

### Regional Membership Requirement

In your October billing that went out this week, you received a letter about the requirement to be a member of your regional organizations, SERC and Southwest NAHRO, the sponsoring organizations of HBP.

You will receive notification when the agreement is available to be signed.

### Certificates of Coverage (COCs)

The COCs have been posted to HBP's website. They are more detailed than the benefit summaries in providing information on what is and is not covered. They can be found on HBS's website at: <https://www.housingbp.com/plan-descriptions>



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### Hearing in 2020

Beginning in January 2020, EPIC Hearing Healthcare and *hi HealthInnovations* will join forces to become one fully integrated hearing health company, UnitedHealthcare Hearing. Each company offers a unique set of products and services that, together, will provide an unrivaled customer experience, offering both value and choice to the people we serve. The newly combined UnitedHealthcare Hearing will aim to:

- Maintain the largest, most capable accredited hearing network in the U.S.
- Ensure the delivery of high-quality, reliable, well supported hearing aids across all price points

Hearing loss is connected to many other health conditions, such as depression, cardiovascular disease, Alzheimer's disease, dementia and diabetes. Detecting and treating hearing loss has the potential to dramatically improve a person's health.

It's UnitedHealthcare Hearing's mission to help all of its members recognize their potential hearing loss and use their hearing benefits to do something about it.

Visit the following website for more information.

<http://uhchearing.com/>

The HBP website at [www.housingbp.com](http://www.housingbp.com) provides more information and helpful links. Questions or comments? Email us at [sstrange@oecwildblue.com](mailto:sstrange@oecwildblue.com) or call 318-377-9268.