



LABORERS' NATIONAL HEALTH & WELFARE FUND



Kroger Pharmacy Removal from Standard Networks

Dear Participant:

The Laborers' National Health & Welfare Fund (LNHWF) uses Express Scripts as our prescription partner. Effective January 1, 2023, Kroger Pharmacies, will no longer be part of the Express Scripts network of pharmacies we offer to you. We will make sure that any member who uses Kroger today has a convenient, cost-effective option available.

Kroger has been unwilling to agree to Express Scripts standard terms and conditions, including market competitive rates, for Express Scripts standard networks. If Express Scripts were to allow Kroger to remain in our standard networks with their current terms and rates, Express Scripts clients would pay more for pharmacy services than other comparable pharmacies in their networks.

LNHWF and Express Scripts are committed to offering the highest member experience during potential disruption. We will follow standard procedures to notify impacted members at least 30 days in advance of this change to ensure access to care is not compromised.

We work to ensure our members have affordable pharmacy access, and when we have to make network changes, we do so thoughtfully with the goal to minimize disruption. Our members trust us to make sure they and their participants have affordable access to pharmacies that are aligned with our goals of making medications safer and more affordable.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have.

