

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: EMPLOYEES & EARLY RETIREES OF GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYERS on the CAPE & VINEYARD

FROM: CAPE COD MUNICIPAL HEALTH GROUP and YOUR EMPLOYER

DATE: October 27, 2017

*SUBJECT: PRESCRIPTION DRUG PURCHASING PROGRAM*

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Since 2005 the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group (CCMHG), the municipal joint purchase group through which your employer purchases health benefits, has been offering employees and non-Medicare eligible retirees covered by Blue Cross and Harvard Pilgrim access to an international prescription drug (Rx) purchasing program for certain brand name medications. This program has been marketed under the name “myMedicationAdvisor®” (“MMA”) and fulfilled by CanaRx. The Rx co-pays are waived entirely (\$0 co-pay) for purchases made through this program because the cost of medications purchased through the four source countries, i.e. Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand are far below the costs in the US for the exact same medications. Prescription drug regulations in these four countries are as strict as or stricter than those of the US FDA regulations.

There will be some changes to this program starting November 1, 2017. Although the program has been marketed as “myMedication Advisor®”, CanaRx has been and remains the agent that runs the program. It has been the staff at CanaRx with whom members using the program are interacting. Starting November 1<sup>st</sup> CanaRx will do all of the marketing and outreach for the international prescription purchasing program. Employees will no longer receive mailings or other outreach from myMedicationAdvisor®. All interactions will be directly with CanaRx.

If you or a covered family member are taking one or more brand name maintenance medications, please read through the information in this mailing to find out if your medication is available through the CanaRx program. This program could save you money and enhance the convenience of receiving your medications. Many people have taken advantage of this program over the years, and many continue to do so.