



April 4, 2014

Senator Claire Ayer
Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Welfare
Vermont Statehouse
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

Dear Senator Ayer,

In a previous letter (March 7, 2014), I confirmed that Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont (BCBSVT) will be implementing a new program allowing members to synchronize their refills of chronic medications. This program will satisfy the intent of S.236. The new program will allow pharmacists to call BCBSVT's pharmacy benefit manager, Express Scripts Inc (ESI), and request an authorization for a BCBSVT member to refill scripts prematurely in order to synchronize the refill dates of their chronic medications. We will publicize this new program in our quarterly newsletters which are sent to BCBSVT's members and pharmacists.

This letter is intended to address concerns about member co-pays when a prescription is partially refilled under this new program. BCBSVT will pro-rate co-pays on partial fills for synchronization purposes.

Sincerely,

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