**Friday, Sept. 20, 2024 | Weekly ABC Update**

**ABC email content is separated by information for all plans and then by plan:**

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Attachments such as flyers or PDFs will be linked on the ABC webpage under the red button and named by plan (all plans, central state, state higher ed, state offline agencies, local ed or local gov).

Information you can directly share will be listed under the **For Members** header.

ABC-specific information is listed under the **For ABCs** header.

**ALL PLANS**

**ABC Conference Calls**

Our next Annual Enrollment ABC conference calls take place on **Tuesday, Sept. 24**.

* **Higher Ed: 8:30 – 9 a.m. CT**
* **Local Ed: 9:30 – 10 a.m. CT**
* **Local Government: 10:30 – 11 a.m. CT**
* **State: 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. CT**

Use the WebEx login link and instructions in the **posted** agenda or link below. See the posted agenda for details for other ways to join the calls.

**To join the ABC conference call - click on the link:**

<https://tn.webex.com/meet/joan.williams>

**ABC Conference Call Notes**

The Sept. 17 combined ABC conference call notes are **posted** with today’s Friday ABC update.

**ABC Summer Training Headshots**

If you attended the ABC summer training in August and had a headshot taken, you should have received it by email this week. If you haven’t received it, please contact Rachel Craft at Rachel.d.craft@tn.gov.

**Reminder - Annual Enrollment Starts Oct. 1!**

Here are the Annual Enrollment dates for 2025 benefits:

* **State and higher education employees:** Oct. 1-18, 2024
* **Local education and local government employees:** Oct. 1-31, 2024
* **Retirees:** Oct. 1-31, 2024

**Note: We’ve included AE messages you can share with your members in each plan section.**

**Edison Single Sign-On Upgrade Reminder**

Users will be locked out of Edison on Friday, Sept. 20 starting at 5 p.m. until Monday, Sept. 23, at 7 a.m. CT when a new Edison login page and process will be available.

Please remember to save your work in Edison before 5 p.m. CT or 6 p.m. ET to prepare for the new more user-friendly Edison login process on Monday, Sept. 23, 2024.

**October Performance Drug List**

The October PDL has been posted under the [ABC webpage](https://www.tn.gov/partnersforhealth/agency-benefits-coordinators.html) updates and on our [Partners for Health pharmacy webpage](https://www.tn.gov/partnersforhealth/health-options/pharmacy.html). As with each quarterly formulary update, CVS Caremark mailed notification letters to members who are affected by tier changes or drugs becoming non-covered, except in the case of products that have generic equivalents available or are acute therapies. Letters were sent to 55 impacted members notifying them about their prescription benefit change.

Shown below are drugs being added or removed from the PDL. Please encourage employees to use the state’s specific webpage at [info.caremark.com/stateoftn](https://info.caremark.com/stateoftn) to view the most current version of the drug list, review their prescription drug benefit information, request mail service orders and research drug information.

**THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE PDL (OR FORMULARY) AS OF OCT. 1, 2024**

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| **Drugs being added to the formulary effective Oct. 1, 2024:** |
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| **Drug name** |  |
| MEKINIST SOLUTION (non-preferred) |  |
| TAFINLAR TABLETS (non-preferred) |  |
| TYVASO DPI |  |
| ALVAIZ |  |
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| **Drugs moving from Tier 2 (preferred brand) to Tier 3 (non-preferred brand) effective Oct. 1, 2024):** |
| VFEND |  |
| EMTRIVA |  |
| FUZEON |  |
| VIBRAMYCIN SUSP |  |
| LEUKERAN |  |
| MATULANE |  |
| MYLERAN |  |
| TABLOID |  |
| TREXALL |  |
| LYSODREN |  |
| ZOLINZA |  |
| RYTHMOL SR |  |
| ZIAC |  |
| SALAGEN |  |
| UROCIT-K |  |
| URSO |  |
| URSO FORTE |  |
| FRAGMIN |  |
| ROCALTROL |  |
| ZEMPLAR |  |
| PROLENSA |  |
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| **Drugs moving from Tier 3 (non-preferred brand) to Tier 2 (preferred brand) effective Oct. 1, 2024):** |
| ZURZUVAE |  |
| PAXLOVID |  |
| OPSYNVI |  |
| TYVASO SOL |  |
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| **Drugs not covered effective Oct. 1, 2024, unless prior authorization is approved through the CVS Caremark medical exception process:** |
| **Drug name** |  |
| KETO-DIASTIX |  |
| KETOSTIX |  |
| TRUDHESA |  |

**## End of all plans message ##**

**CENTRAL STATE**

**For Members (central state)**

**Annual Enrollment Starts Oct.1!**

**Email/subject line:** Annual Enrollment for 2025 benefits starts Oct. 1

Annual Enrollment for 2025 benefits starts Oct.1! This is your opportunity to make changes to your benefit elections for the 2025 plan year.

You can find information about your benefits by going to the Partners for Health website, and [clicking on Annual Enrollment](https://www.tn.gov/partnersforhealth/ae/2024-annual-enrollment.html). You’ll find an interactive benefits guide, 2025 premiums charts, 2025 Insurance Comparison chart, FAQs and more by [clicking on Enrollment Materials](https://www.tn.gov/partnersforhealth/ae/materials.html).

You have from Oct. 1-Oct. 18 to enroll. You’ll use Employee Self Service in Edison at [www.edison.tn.gov](http://www.edison.tn.gov/) to make your changes.

Partners for Health is here to help you make the best decisions about your benefits. Go to [tn.gov/partnersforhealth](http://www.tn.gov/partnersforhealth) where you’ll find:

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**Caring for Elders 4Mind4Body Webinar, Wednesday, Oct. 9**

**Email/subject line**: Join Partners for Health for the Caring for Elders webinar, Oct. 9, 11:30 a.m. CT

Presented by Optum Behavioral Health, join Partners for Health for the Caring for Elders webinar, Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CT.

This course aims to educate on all facets of aging and caring for those who are aging. Using interactive exercises, this course prepares us for our own eventual aging as well as caring for our parents and others. Symptoms and behaviors of those who have dementia are explored and warning signs, coping strategies and safety tips are considered. Finally, it is stressed that no matter what, it’s always important to take care of yourself, too.

*Pre-registration is required. Session will be required and made available after the session.*

Click here to register: <https://eapworklife.my.site.com/USTrainingForm/s/newregistrationpage?c__recordId=a254N000004DWB5QAO>

[Click here](https://www.tn.gov/partnersforhealth/videos/webinars.html) for previously recorded sessions.

**For ABCs (central state)**

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**October 4Mind4Body Webinar**

Presented by Optum Behavioral Health, the next 4Mind4Body webinar, Caring for Elders, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 9 starting at 11:30 a.m. CT. We’ve posted a flyer with today’s Friday Update you can share with your employees. BA will send an email to all central state employees this week. Pre-registration is required. The webinar will be recorded and made available after the session.

**## End of state message ##**

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**## End of higher ed message ##**

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**For ABCs (state offline agencies: Beech River Watershed Development Agency, Governor's Early Literacy Foundation, Greater Nashville Regional Council and South Central Human Resources Agency)**

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**## End of state offline agency message ##**

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**## End of local education message ##**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**## End of local gov message ##**