



Hi Everyone--

You may have noticed that we've been quiet for the past several weeks! The reason is that our email server went down unexpectedly--and permanently!! We now, though, have a new email system in place, and this is the first of many RPEA emails to come.

We also have a new website address: <https://rpea-ak.org>

The majority of the email discussions I've had with many of you since January 1st has had to do with the new pharmacy benefit manager, OptumRx. If any of you are having denials, delays or other difficulties in filling prescriptions since the transition to OptumRx, please let us know.

We would especially like to know if:

1. medications that have historically been filled are now being denied, or
2. you are having a difficult time finding a pharmacy that is in the OptumRx network.

If you are using a network pharmacy, the copays have not changed: \$0 copay for mail order, \$8 copay for brand drugs and \$4 copay for generic drugs.

If anyone has questions, please let me know.

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