



UPDATE ON OPG EHB DRUGS August 2019

This update is a follow up to the article in our Spring Newsletter regarding the changes to the OPG EHB drug plan concerning the implementation of the cap on dispensing fees for maintenance drugs. Our newsletter indicated this change was effective January 1, 2019 however this change has been deferred to **January 1, 2020**.

The PWU had issues concerning the retroactivity associated with implementing the cap on the dispensing fees for maintenance drugs & the mandatory lowest price equivalent drugs. After meeting with OPG the following was agreed to by the parties:

The cap on dispensing fees for maintenance drugs will be effective as of January 1, 2020.

The parties agree that to implement the mandatory lowest price equivalent drugs agreement as referred to in Attachment #2 of the June 4, 2018, MOS paragraph #2 will be amended as follows:

To remain on a currently prescribed brand name (or higher price equivalent) drug, PWU Plan Members, including Retirees, must have their Attending Physician supply Sun Life Financial (SLF) with a **Drug Exception Application Form** (copy attached). This change is already in effect.

As the Drug Exception Application form is specific to OPG, Sun Life will not post it on their website. Plan Members can obtain it by calling Sun Life directly and the form will be posted on the OPG Benefits' website. Members can contact OPG's Human Resources Centre if they have any questions.

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