



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF GROUP BENEFITS



**Office of Group Benefits Proposed Contract with Caremark PCS, LLC
d/b/a CVS Caremark**

Fact vs. Fiction

Fiction: If approved, the contract for Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) services with CVS Caremark will force members to use only CVS pharmacies.

Fact: Under the proposed contract, members will be able to continue using their pharmacy of choice. CVS Caremark has more than 1,100 network pharmacies in Louisiana, which includes more than 600 independent Louisiana pharmacies. Members also will have access to more than 65,000 pharmacies across the country. Additionally, members will have access to online and mobile resources that will allow them to check drug costs and coverage, and search for a network pharmacy.

Fiction: The proposed contract with CVS will revoke the members' right to choose providers and services.

Fact: The pharmacy benefits available to members will remain the same under the proposed contract. As a self-funded health plan, OGB designs its own plan and the PBM has no authority over the plan design. Members will continue to have the same co-payments and annual out-of-pocket threshold limits.

Fiction: The proposed contract states that Louisiana's laws are "not applicable" to CVS Caremark.

Fact: The proposed contract with CVS Caremark states that ALL Louisiana laws are applicable. The contract is actually **MORE** expansive in its legal requirements than the existing PBM contract, and includes specific statutory requirements applicable to PBM services. The proposed contract can be viewed online by visiting the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget's website under meetings and [documents](#).

Fiction: If the proposed contract with CVS Caremark is approved, member benefits and services will be disrupted.

Fact: There will be no disruption of pharmacy benefits or services. Members will remain covered by the current PBM contract through December 31, 2020. Beginning January 1, 2021, members will be covered by CVS Caremark if the contract is approved. All current prescriptions will be grandfathered-in to the CVS Caremark coverage for 90 days to facilitate a seamless transition. Members will be mailed a new ID card prior to January 1, 2021, and will have access to a digital ID card as well.