

TO: Eligible Employees, non-Medicare eligible Retirees and Dependents

FROM: Mendocino County Schools (Staywell) – Canarx

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The Mendocino County Schools (Staywell) is making available on a **voluntary** basis to eligible employees, non-Medicare eligible retirees and dependents enrolled in the Staywell - Mendocino County School Districts Health Plan a new, cost saving, **international mail order drug program** for brand name prescriptions administered by Canarx. **StaywellCanarx** is a voluntary program and does not replace your current prescription benefit plan.

Advantages of joining the **StaywellCanarx** program administered by Canarx are:

- **\$0 COPAY** for all prescriptions offered through the program
- Prescriptions shipped directly to your home with no shipping and handling costs
- No out-of-pocket expenses
- See attached list of brand name prescription medications available

How does it work?

- Review enclosed formulary list of brand name prescriptions to determine if any of your current medications are available through this program
- Before ordering through Canarx, you or your doctor must attest that you have been taking your prescribed medication for at least 30 days - this is to ensure you have not experienced any complications with the medication
- Ask your doctor for a prescription for a **3-month supply with 3 refills**
- Request your doctor to fax your enrollment form and prescription directly to **StaywellCanarx**

-OR-

Mail your original prescription and completed enrollment form to **StaywellCanarx**

- Include a copy of your photo identification for pharmacy verification
- Canarx will call you prior to each refill to ensure that you have a continuous supply of medications
- Allow 4 weeks for delivery when ordering new medications

Canarx Contact Information:

- Mail 235 Eugenie St. West, Suite 105D P.O. Box 3009
 Windsor, ON, Canada, N8X 2X7 **OR** Windsor, ON, Canada
- Fax 1-866-715-(MEDS) 6337 N8N 2M3
- Phone 1-866-893-(MEDS) 6337

<http://staywellcanarx.com>

Should you have any questions regarding the **StaywellCanarx** program, please call the Canarx toll free phone number **(1-866-893-6337)** with your questions.

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CanaRx [Why do it?]

Many employers and even states are looking to import drugs from Canada and some other countries, where the drugs are sold at lower cost. This generally only applies only to brand name and specialty drugs. This is mail order only, so there is no pharmacy to visit.

The benefit to the member is that there are no copays, deductibles or shipping costs. The benefit to Staywell is generally lower costs. When first proposed several months ago, the expected savings if all of the applicable drugs that had been purchased had gone through the program, the savings would have been about \$150,000. With the lower costs from Costco, and presuming that all of the available coupons were used with the Variable Copay program added on July 1, the savings over Costco would be about **\$60,000**.

A web portal has been prepared for members at www.staywellcanarx.com.