

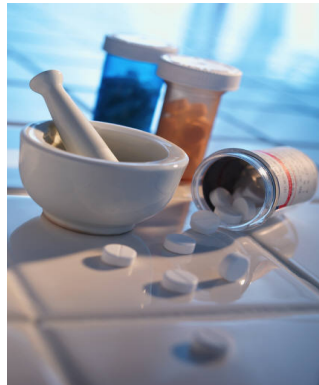
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## Loblaw's Pharmacies Prescription Discounts for Health Plan Members

As part of our commitment to seek partnerships that benefit our members, we are entering into a second preferred pharmacy provider arrangement. In addition to our partnership with Sobeys/Lawtons, this offers plan members expanded geographic access and more choice.

**We are excited to announce that Group Benefits Solutions has partnered with Loblaw's (Superstore) Pharmacies. This partnership offers employees of member organizations enrolled in the Health Association Nova Scotia Health Plan savings on their prescriptions. Please note, this applies only to those plan members with drug coverage under our plan.**

**Effective July, 2013 employees enrolled in the health plan who fill their prescription at a Loblaw's pharmacy in Nova Scotia will pay a low flat dispensing fee per prescription. Plan A members will pay the dispensing fee of \$5.99. Plan B members will pay the dispensing fee of \$5.99, plus a co-pay of \$3.00. This provides savings of up to \$2 off of the standard fee. Fees vary in other provinces and this program offers comparable savings across Canada.**



Because plan members are responsible for paying the dispensing fee, a lower fee automatically translates to a lower co-payment.

### ***How do I get my discount?***

Simply present your Medavie Blue Cross drug plan card to any of the participating Loblaw's pharmacy locations when getting a prescription filled. The discount will be applied automatically to your prescription as the group policy number is on their system.

### ***Which pharmacies are under the Loblaw's banner?***

Atlantic Canada (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, PEI, Newfoundland) stores include Atlantic Superstore®, Save-Easy®, nofrills®; Dominion® in Newfoundland & Labrador only. Store locations can be found via [www.drugstorepharmacy.ca](http://www.drugstorepharmacy.ca) – store locator.

Please see over, Loblaw Pharmacy Frequently Asked Questions.

*This partnership arrangement does not preclude plan members from using other providers and Health Association Nova Scotia recognizes that many have a strong relationship with their local pharmacist. Our aim is to provide our plan members with added value and cost savings, and this is our second such partnership, our other being with Sobeys/Lawtons. To that end, if another provider is interested in a potential partnership, we would welcome those discussions.*

*If you have questions about your benefits, please talk to your Benefits Administrator.*

*You can also call Health Association Nova Scotia at 1-866-886-7246*

*This information is also available from our website.*

*Visit [www.healthassociation.ns.ca/benefits](http://www.healthassociation.ns.ca/benefits)*

## **Loblaw Pharmacy**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

1. *What is a Preferred Pharmacy Network, or “PPN”?*

A Preferred Pharmacy Network, or “PPN”, agreement is a contract signed between an employer or benefit plan provider and Loblaw Companies Ltd. In this specific agreement it entitles Health Association Nova Scotia Drug Plan members to lower prices on prescriptions.

2. *Do I have to go to a Loblaw pharmacy? Can I still go to the local pharmacy that I have been using for years?*

Yes, you can still choose to purchase prescriptions at any pharmacy. Your drug plan coverage will continue as it does now. However, this PPN agreement that entitles you to lower prices on prescriptions only applies to Loblaw pharmacy locations.

3. *Can I go to any Loblaw pharmacy?*

Yes, you can go to any of the pharmacy locations operating within the various Loblaw banners in Nova Scotia, and 500 pharmacy locations across Canada and enjoy preferred pricing.

In Atlantic Canada (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, PEI, Newfoundland) stores include Atlantic Superstore®, Save-Easy®, nofrills®. Dominion® in Newfoundland & Labrador only.

To find a pharmacy near you, visit [www.drugstorepharmacy.ca](http://www.drugstorepharmacy.ca)

4. *How much will I save on my prescriptions?*

If enrolled in Health Plan A you will pay the discount dispensing fee of \$5.99 in Nova Scotia

If enrolled in Health Plan B you will pay the discount dispensing fee of \$5.99 in Nova Scotia, plus \$3.00. Dispensing fees vary in other provinces and this program offers our plan members savings off of standard fees across Canada.

5. *Will my spouse and children get the same preferred prescription prices?*

Yes, the preferred prescription prices at all Loblaw pharmacy locations will apply to you and all those covered under your drug plan.

6. *Do I have to sign up to use the PPN?*

No, the preferred pricing for Health Association Nova Scotia Health Plan members, spouses and dependents with drug coverage will be applied automatically to your prescriptions based on the eligibility information provided with your Medavie Blue Cross drug plan card. However, if it is your first time at a particular Loblaw pharmacy location, you will need to present your drug plan card.

7. *What do I have to do at the pharmacy to get the preferred price?*

Nothing – simply present your Medavie Blue Cross drug plan card to any of the participating Loblaw’s pharmacy locations when getting a prescription filled.