### Frequently Asked Questions Proprium Pharmacy



#### 1. What is a specialty pharmacy?

Specialty pharmacies handle high-cost medications for complex health conditions. These medications often require special handling, disposal, and/ or monitoring. Pharmacy team members help to identify and remove barriers so patients are able to take their medications and thus improve their quality of life.

#### 2. What service does Proprium Pharmacy provide?

- a live answer by a team member every time you call during business hours
- support with insurance issues and financial assistance program enrollment
- refill reminder calls/text messages to help you refill your medications on time
- Patient Management Program: personalized care for every patient. We will work with you and your healthcare providers to develop a care plan based upon your individual health conditions.

## 3. What are some of the potential benefits of working with Proprium Pharmacy's patient management program?

- better understanding of your condition and prescribed medication regimen
- improved ability to take your medications as ordered by your doctor
- assistance with side effect management
- improvement in quality of life and overall health

## 4. What are some of the potential limitations of working with Proprium Pharmacy's patient management program?

The program is intended to aid patients in managing their health conditions and is not intended as a cure.

#### 5. How much will my medications cost?

Medication costs vary based upon a patient's insurance plan and the medication prescribed. We will be able to determine your out of pocket costs such as deductibles, copayments and coinsurance as soon as we have processed the claim with the insurance company. We will ensure you are aware of your financial responsibility before sending the medication to you.

## 6. What if my insurance company doesn't cover my medications or I cannot afford the copayment and/or coinsurance?

We have patient care advocates who are dedicated to working with your physician and insurance company to obtain coverage for your medications wherever possible. These patient care advocates also perform a thorough investigation and eligibility review of available patient financial assistance programs with the goal of lowering your cost as much as possible.

### 7. What if Proprium Pharmacy is not a preferred provider for my insurance?

If Proprium Pharmacy is considered out-of-network by your insurance, our patient care advocates will consult with your insurance company to determine what the cost difference is for you to use our pharmacy versus an in-network pharmacy. We will provide our costs to you in writing and will work with you to determine the best avenue for you to obtain your medication.

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### 8. Does Proprium Pharmacy have access to all specialty medications?

Proprium Pharmacy has access to most specialty medications. However, in the event we do not have access to your medication, we will transfer your prescription to a pharmacy that can provide the medication and we will contact you to let you know where your medication has been transferred.

### 9. Will Proprium Pharmacy ever substitute my brand name medication with a generic version?

According to the FDA, an approved generic drug is the same as a brand-name drug in dosage, safety, strength, quality, performance, and intended use; and can be safely substituted. Proprium Pharmacy will substitute for the generic alternative unless your doctor indicates the brand product is medically necessary. Your insurance may charge a higher copayment in these circumstances.

#### 10. How do I pay for my medications?

You can pay for your medications using any major credit card or debit card. We also accept both Health Savings Account (HSA) and flexible spending account (FSA) cards.

#### 11. How do I receive my medications?

Your medications will be shipped to your home, work, or physician's office via a local or national courier service. Confidential packaging is used to ensure protection of your privacy.

#### 12. What is the cost for delivery?

Nothing—the pharmacy will deliver your medication at no charge. Certain circumstances may require a re-delivery fee. How do I refill my medication?

### 13. How do I refill my medication?

One of our staff members will contact you approximately seven days prior to your refill due date to coordinate the delivery of your medications and needed supplies. These calls/texts are designed to serve as a reminder to refill your medications on time. If you don't hear from us and are due for your refill, please call **757-553-3568** or toll-free **1-855-553-3568**.

### 14. How will I know if my medication is recalled and what should I do?

Proprium Pharmacy receives alerts when a medication is recalled and we follow the provided recommendations from the FDA. We will reach out to you if you have received an affected product that requires action. Please call us if you have any questions regarding a recalled product.

#### 15. How will I know if my order is delayed?

Meeting our promised delivery times is a top priority for Proprium Pharmacy. However, if an unforeseen delay occurs, we will contact you as soon as we learn of the delay to discuss the circumstances and will work with you to make new arrangements. If you don't receive your order as expected, please let us know as soon as possible.

### 16. What should I do if I am experiencing side effects to my medication?

Call 911 immediately if you believe your symptoms are life threatening. Otherwise, please contact the pharmacy at **757-553-3568** or toll-free at **1-855-553-3568** any time of day and one of our pharmacists will help guide you.

### 17. How can I inquire about my order's status?

Please contact the pharmacy at **757-553-3568** or toll-free at **1-855-553-3568** and we can inform you of your order status.

### 18.Can I communicate with you by TTY or other assistive telephone device?

Absolutely. We utilize Virginia Relay (dial 7-1-1) to assist us with communication with patients who require these services. You may also designate a caregiver or family member to speak with us if you prefer.

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