

For Agencies that use the Accident Reporting System (ARS)

Workers' compensation reform legislation signed into law on March 13, 2007, authorizes carriers, self-insureds and NYSIF to contract with a Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) for the supply of prescription medicine.

NYSIF is using Express Scripts Inc. as its PBM. If prescribed medication is for a work-related injury or illness, your employees' prescriptions should be filled at a pharmacy within the Express Scripts network.

By law, **within seven days of receipt of this notice**, the state agency must:

1. Distribute to all their employees in New York State, either by hand or electronically, a copy of the enclosed **Notification Concerning Workers' Compensation Pharmacy Benefits** ([a copy is available at www.cs.state.ny.us/ebdonline](http://www.cs.state.ny.us/ebdonline)); and
2. Post the enclosed **Notification Concerning Workers' Compensation Pharmacy Benefits** in a prominent, well-lighted location frequented by employees.

In addition, NYSIF has implemented an instant enrollment or "short-fill" service with Express Scripts, Inc. The new service allows injured workers immediate acceptance by any pharmacy in the PBM network. Although New York law does not require us to provide this benefit, we have elected to provide a limited number of cost-effective medication benefits for new claims filed for work-related injuries or illnesses in order to help injured workers get through those first difficult days after an injury and before the claim is accepted.

An employee injured at work should report the injury to the Accident Reporting System (ARS). At this time the employee will be given an ARS incident number.

When submitting a prescription, the injured worker should give the pharmacy the following information:

- The ARS incident number
- GROUP is: NYSIF

The pharmacy should then contact Express Scripts at 866-533-7011.

Injured workers can quickly find local participating pharmacies by visiting <http://www.express-scripts.com/custom/expresscomp pharm>. They may also call the Express Scripts 24-hour patient care hotline at (866) 533-7011.

The injured employee will receive a permanent ID card and packet from Express Scripts within 10 days of NYSIF's confirmation of the accident. If you have any questions, please call NYSIF at (866) 303-7737.