

## **Ensure transparency with Copay Card Solutions: Accumulator Adjustment**

Drug manufacturers offer billions of dollars' worth of coupons to help employees pay for high-cost specialty medications. In fact, copay card discounts for commercial plans tripled from \$6B to \$18B from 2014–2020.

These programs can help employees save money on select medications. Yet, they also can encourage employees to use expensive brand-name drugs when lower-cost options are available.

The UnitedHealthcare Accumulator Adjustment program provides a real-time solution that allows for the use of coupons — while also preventing copay card dollars from being included in employees' accumulators.

The result is greater transparency about the true out-of-pocket cost that an employee pays and assurance that your plan design is working as intended.

\$2

per member per month average savings with Accumulator Adjustment<sup>2</sup>







Accumulator Adjustment ensures that only the out-of-pocket amount an employee pays is applied to accumulators—not the amount paid by the drug manufacturer's copay card or coupon.



Employees see enhanced messaging on **myuhc.com**, the mobile app and the explanation of benefits — highlighting how the copay card payment was applied.



The program applies only to prescriptions filled at Optum® Specialty Pharmacy. Medications filled at other network pharmacies are out of scope.

## **How it works**

Accumulator Adjustment provides a real-time solution to prevent copay card dollars from being included in employees' accumulators (deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums).

Without Accumulator Adjustment		With Accumulator Adjustment
\$ <b>4,000</b>	Medication cost	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>\$5</b>	Employee cost share	<b>\$5</b>
\$3,995	Manufacturer copay card	\$3,995
\$ <b>4,000</b>	Applied to deductible	\$5 Only the amount the
\$ <b>4,000</b>	Applied to out-of-pocket max	employee paid is applied

## Contact your UnitedHealthcare representative for more information





Drug Channels Institute: https://optumkic.com/system/files/2021%20Economic%20report%20on%20US%20Pharmacies%20and%20PBMS.pdf. Accessed 9/27/21.

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