

## Contracting & Payer Relations

### Update from UnitedHealthcare - Changes effective October 1, 2010

In order to maximize State Medicaid dollars, additional Medicaid populations will have a *Generic Drugs First Pharmacy Benefit*. The State implemented a *Generic Drugs First Pharmacy Benefit* for most Rite Care members in 2009. This resulted in cost savings and improved generic drug utilization (86% generic dispensing rate).

Effective October 1, 2010, the pharmacy benefit for all Rite Care and Rhode Health Partners members will cover generic drugs first. Exceptions may be made for some therapeutic classes of drugs and a limited number of brand name drugs within certain therapeutic classes of drugs.

For more information regarding the above changes in pharmacy benefits, please check the Health Plan's website at [www.uhcmedicaid.com/rhodeisland](http://www.uhcmedicaid.com/rhodeisland) or call Customer Service at (800) 587-5187.

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