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STAYING IN NETWORK

In-network providers will always cost participants less.

To find an in-network provider, participants can:

• Log in to <u>Blue Access for Members</u>SM and use Provider Finder[®].

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Connect with a Personal Health Guide (PHG), 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by calling **1-866-355-5999** or chatting through the BCBSTX App, available in the **Apple App Store** and **Google Play Store**.



MAKING A VIRTUAL APPOINTMENT

Mental health care is a call or click away with <u>**Teladoc**</u>[®] **A**. They can easily schedule an online or phone appointment, saving them money and time. They can also ask their in-network provider if they offer virtual appointments.

Participants can learn more about coverage <u>here</u> or by viewing their plan's Summary of Benefits and Coverage:

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CHOOSING MEDICATIONS WISELY

- Participants could end up paying far more for their medications than they need to. With their TRS-ActiveCare plan, they can save money on prescription drugs in three ways:
- Use an in-network pharmacy—All TRS-ActiveCare plans include prescription drug benefits administered by CVS Caremark[®], with in-network pharmacies nationwide. Participants will want to make sure other pharmacies are in-network before filling a prescription.
- Order generic medications—Generic medications can cost significantly less than their brand-name counterparts. According to the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), generic medications have the same dosage, safety, effectiveness, strength, stability, and quality as brand-name medicines.
- Save with Preferred Brand drugs—If a generic drug isn't available, they can ask their doctor to prescribe a brand-name drug from the <u>Preferred Drug List</u>. These medications may cost less.
- Order through the CVS Caremark Mail Order Pharmacy—Ordering medications through the <u>CVS Caremark Mail Service Pharmacy</u> is a convenient and affordable way to get maintenance medications like asthma or high blood



pressure drugs. Ninety-day supplies typically cost less than monthly prescriptions filled at a retail pharmacy. Participants can also split their payments for a 90-day supply into three separate payments at CVS Caremark Mail Service Pharmacy.

Participants can learn more tips for saving money on medications here.

Sincerely, The TRS-ActiveCare Team

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