

## **A Word About Specialty Drugs**

One component of Onondaga County's prescription drug program is "Specialty Drugs". Specialty Drugs are high cost drugs, often self-injected, and used to treat complex or rare conditions. Specialty Pharmacies specialize in the delivery and clinical management of Specialty Drugs. Some Specialty Drug classifications are Multiple Sclerosis and Neurologic Products, Growth Hormone Products, Interferon and Hepatitis Products and Transplant Products to name a few.

Due to specific handling, storage, compliance and cost of these drugs, the pharmacy program allows payment at the local retail pharmacy for these drugs and capped the co-payment cost to our members. CareMark (formerly known as PharmaCare) now has a Specialty Pharmacy facility whose function is to fill these prescriptions and support the member with educational materials and compliance measures. Each prescription for a Specialty Drug will be filled in 30-day quantities with the member co-payment capped at \$100. for a Formulary Brand Specialty Drug or \$125. for a Non-Formulary Brand Specialty Drug.

The Specialty Pharmacy facility will dispense only Specialty Drugs in a 30-day supply. The CareMark mail order facility will continue to dispense **all other maintenance medications** for our members for a 90 day supply with the prescription mail order co-payment structure as outlined in the OnPoint Plan Benefits Booklet.

**For questions regarding Specialty Drugs, please call CareMark Specialty Pharmacy at 1-800-238-7828.**