NEW PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT FOR WEIGHT LOSS DRUGS

The Trustees of the Seafarers Health and Benefits Plan recognize the importance of being proactive in the effort to prevent chronic diseases and conditions caused by obesity.

Therefore, **effective September 1, 2023**, eligible mariners and their dependents at the Core-Plus level, and Medicare and Non-Medicare Pensioners will be eligible to receive prescription coverage for weight loss drugs.

OptumRx has established criteria that must be met in order to qualify for this benefit, and these prescriptions will require preauthorization.  In addition, sustained weight loss of greater than or equal to 5% of baseline body weight will be required for reauthorization after six (6) months of use.

If you or your Doctor would like more information about this coverage, please contact OptumRx or Retiree RxCare for information about the criteria to qualify for these medications.