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| Solution | Description |
| Formulary Management | SC PEBA’s commercial population utilizes ESI’s National Preferred Formulary. SC PEBA elects to operate as an incentive formulary which maximizes patient choice and access to medications while driving lowest net plan cost savings. It does include exclusions in select classes and is updated on a regular basis with a communications campaign in place for member disruption |
| Advanced Utilization Management | SC PEBA participates in a wide variety of clinical programs which are managed by ESI and include:* Prior Authorization – Ensures clinically appropriate use of medications and prevents members from taking medications for unintended or inappropriate indications—avoiding adverse events and from using a product for a condition for which it is not approved exposes members to unnecessary side effects
* Step Therapy – Ensures the use of clinically effective first line medications before second line. This brings savings for both the member and the plan
* Dispensing Quantity Management – Aligns dispensing quantities with FDA approved dosing guidelines and prevents waste and stockpiling of medications

SC PEBA participates at a level where the programs are maintained and communicated to members as needed by ESI |
| Concurrent Drug Utilization Review | SC PEBA participates in health and safety program that performs online, real-time drug utilization analysis at the point of prescription dispensing to evaluate the incoming therapy against a series of predetermined safety standards.  This safety analysis occurs for all covered medications, regardless site of dispensing. This program reduces wasteful medical spending through avoidance of unnecessary emergency room utilization, hospitalizations, and urgent care visits by identifying and prompting for correction of clinical safety concern(s). |
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| Retrospective Drug Utilization Review | Retrospective DUR evaluates a prescription against a patient’s prescription history and evidence-based guidelines to alert the prescribing physician to important, drug-specific, patient-specific health and safety issues. The retrospective analysis of pharmacy claims identifies medication conflicts and the potential for inappropriate utilization. Retrospective DUR has a proven track record of positively influencing prescriber behavior by notifying prescribers of clinical considerations in order to increase safety for patients and manage plan expenses. |
| Safeguard Programs | SC PEBA participates in Express Scripts Safeguard suite of solutions that are designed to help combat rising drug costs and helps ensure important therapies and specialized care for members. There are various components in the offering and SC PEBA participates in all of the programs that align with our program components. Categories impacted include Hepatitis C, Cardiovascular, Oncology, Inflammatory Conditions, Rare Conditions, Multiple Sclerosis, Inflation Protection and Market Events |
| Advanced Opioid Management Program | SC PEBA participates in Express Scripts’ opioid solution which sets forth a path to combat the epidemic by improving patient safety across the care continuum and avoid unnecessary cost.   This targets various points within the opioid care path by leveraging five foundational blocks of Member education and support, enhanced safety edits and pharmacy messaging at the point of sale, prescriber messaging and coordination, safe disposal of unused opioid drugs, and ongoing surveillance and intervention for risky behaviors, including investigations |