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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Government Units

FROM: William Ashmore, CEO  
Local Government Health Insurance Board

SUBJECT: LGHIB Approves Changes in Benefits Administrators for 2020

At its July 31, 2019 board meeting, the Local Government Health Insurance Board (LGHIB) approved the following benefit administrators for 2020:

- Medical & Dental – Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama
- Pharmacy Benefit Manager – OptumRx
- Medicare Advantage – UnitedHealthcare

**Medical & Dental Benefits** – Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama (BCBS) will remain the Local Government Health Insurance Plan's (LGHIP) medical and dental administrator for 2020. Our active employees and their dependents should see no changes in the way their current medical and dental benefits are administered.

**Pharmacy Benefits** – Effective January 1, 2020, the Pharmacy Benefit Manager for the LGHIP will move from BCBS (Prime Therapeutics) to OptumRx. LGHIP active employees and their dependents will see little, if any, disruption in the drug formulary or pharmacy network.

**Medicare Advantage** – For those units offering coverage for its Medicare retirees, effective January 1, 2020, the LGHIP's Medicare Advantage administrator will change from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama (Blue Advantage) to UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage. LGHIP Medicare retirees and their Medicare dependents will benefit from lower out-of-pocket costs, as well as enhanced benefits.

The LGHIB will meet in September to set premiums for 2020.

The LGHIB will be providing more information to its members regarding these changes in the near future. Please visit the LGHIP website, [www.lghip.org](http://www.lghip.org), for more information regarding these changes.