Medication Information

Your child's health provider may order different kinds of medications for your child. These medications might include:

- Prescription medications- **These are medicines you get from a pharmacy only with a prescription (a written order from a health care provider). Ask your child's provider to refer to the health plan's list of covered medications when writing prescriptions. This may affect the amount of your co-payment (also called co-pay, which is the amount you pay) for medications.**

  A co-payment may be required for prescription medications. Some health plans may pay for certain over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and dietary supplements when prescribed by a provider. Check the benefits handbook or call a Member Services Representative to learn more about medication coverage by your child's health plan.

- Over-the-counter medications- **These are medications you can buy on your own at a pharmacy without a prescription (such as aspirin or cold medicine).**

- Vitamins and dietary supplements- **These are nutritional products that may be needed for your child's diet and health. You can usually buy them on your own at a pharmacy or health food store.**

Questions to ask a health care provider or pharmacist when medication is prescribed:

1. **What is the name of this medication?**
2. **What does this medication do?**
3. **How much medication (the dose) will my child take?**
4. **How many times a day will my child take this medication?**
5. **Are there any special instructions for taking this medication?**
6. **How long will my child take this medication?**
7. **What are the side effects?**
8. **Can this medication be taken with other medications my child already takes?**