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TO: AgriLife A&M Care Plan Members
SUBJECT: In Network Discounts for Employees/Retirees Enrolled in the A&M Care Plan in the Brazos Valley

The Texas A&M University System and Baylor Scott and White Health, together with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX), have announced a collaboration which provides discounts to the Brazos Valley. The purpose of the discount arrangement is to improve the Brazos Valley community's access to health care and offer comparable rates to other healthcare providers in the area.

Baylor Scott & White Health and Texas A&M are committed to improving the health and well-being of Texans by working collaboratively to promote discovery, advance knowledge and improve healthcare delivery. The two organizations have had a more than 40-year relationship, including academic affiliations and a shared commitment to medical education.

Starting February 15th, Texas A&M University System is offering employees and retirees new, lower cost, copays, and inpatient/outpatient services in this region. Physicians and facilities contracted with Baylor Scott & White and located in the Brazos Valley are featuring a \$15 copay for specialists and a 10% coinsurance for other costs such as a hospitalization. Primary care physician copays are remaining the same.

Individuals with established provider relationships outside of these discounts can continue to enjoy the same benefits they currently receive, and do not need to change their network plan to take advantage of these reductions.

The emphasis for communication is here in Bryan/College Station, even though the discounts are available to all employees and retirees in the A&M Care plans. Baylor Scott & White will be contacting their patients directly. Information regarding the discount will be made available on the Health page on the A&M System Benefits Administration website, and in corresponding places on the plan rate sheets.

The Baylor Scott & White discount is only available with facilities in the Brazos Valley. For any questions, employees and retirees are encouraged to speak with their provider, or reach out to our dedicated BCBSTX customer support team at 1-866-295-1212.