



# School Board Saves \$7.30 PMPM in Just 6 Months with Rx Problem-Solving

## The Situation

The Dayton Board of Education, with an average of 3,438 monthly members, had an annual pharmacy plan spend of \$5.8 million. Unfortunately, the board's overall pharmacy spending trend had increased steadily from \$95.84 per member per month (PMPM) in the first quarter to \$164.44 PMPM in the fourth quarter – averaging \$141.14 PMPM for the year. Facing these increased costs, the board needed a strategic pharmacy benefits partner who could implement targeted, clinically based pharmacy savings programs and provide ongoing guidance to help lower their annual pharmacy spend in a sustainable way.



## The Solution

The Dayton school board worked with RxBenefits' expert clinical team to apply the following Protect components to address the plan's top risk areas and decrease pharmacy benefits costs:



### Low Clinical Value Formulary Exclusions –

RxBenefits removed a combination medication known as Duexis® that was costing the plan **\$2,400 for a 30-day supply**. In its place, members received over-the-counter-alternatives Advil® and Pepcid® that cost about **\$18 for a 30-day supply**, achieving the same clinical outcome at a much lower cost.

### High Dollar Claim Review –

RxBenefits' team of pharmacists reviewed the plan's high-cost claims (those that exceed \$1,000 per month) to determine their clinical necessity and identify any lower-cost alternatives. The plan's three most expensive medications, Gattex®, Eplclusa®, and Kalyeco®, accounted for a combined annual plan **cost of more than \$1.28M**.

## The Impact

The school board was able to reverse the trend of increasing prescription drug costs and deliver an improved pharmacy benefit program to its members by implementing a tailored combination of RxBenefits' Protect strategies. Over the first half of the year, the school board decreased their average plan spend significantly – the LCV program alone provided an **estimated savings or cost avoidance of \$29,704**, while the High Dollar Claim Review program produced an **additional \$120,880 in estimated savings** on reviewable non-specialty high dollar claims, within the first six months of the year.

**\$150K savings**  
in plan cost avoidance  
in 6 months

**\$7.30 PMPM reduction**  
in average plan spend from  
the LCV and High Dollar  
Claim Review solutions

