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Medicare Secondary Payer Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement -- INFORMATION

Alert: Notice of Upcoming Enhancement to the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Portal (WCMSAP) Regarding Collection of Prescription Drug Information

The purpose of this Alert is to provide advance notice of an upcoming enhancement to the WCMSAP. As of October 6, 2014, WCMSAP users will be able to enter prescription drug information directly into the portal. With this enhancement, users can input and calculate the proposed prescription drug portion of the WCMSA proposal. Below are a few highlights of this new feature.

- New data-entry pages will be added to the WCMSAP. These new data-entry pages will provide users with the ability to indicate if a claimant is taking, or expecting to take prescription drugs as a result of the workers' compensation injury.
- If prescription drugs are anticipated, the user will be able to select drugs through a lookup tool by searching for the drug name, National Drug Code (NDC) or manufacturer name. Once a drug has been selected, the user can add it to the portal case and the portal will display the following information: drug name, dosage, NDC, PPU (Price per Unit) and the number of years (based on Life Expectancy).
- With the entry of the frequency of the drug use, i.e., Per Day, Per Week or Per Month, the system will calculate the expected drug costs.

The use of these new features will be available for all new and existing Work-In-Progress cases that are submitted on or after October 6, 2014. As is the current procedure, prescription drugs will be verified and priced using the monthly Redbook Drug Reference that is in effect at the date of submission.

Note: A forthcoming Alert will be published prior to the October 6, 2014 implementation which will include images of the new WCMSAP prescription drug pages and more detailed information. Please continue to visit the WCMSA section of CMS.gov web site at <http://go.cms.gov/wcmsa> for the most current information.