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Instructions for Provider Notification Regarding Streamlined Drug Coverage Materials for Health Care Professionals, a New Fact Sheet and Script for Recent Audio Conference

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Providers, physicians, and suppliers and their staff who prescribe medications for Medicare patients

Key Points

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed three new products as part of the Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D) campaign for health care professionals.

Consolidated List of Links

- A consolidated list of links to resources for prescribers is located at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/provider.asp> on the CMS website and contains:
 - Access to direct telephone numbers to a Medicare drug plan's coverage determination staff and
 - Model forms that will help speed the process.
- Educational information for Fee-For-Service (FFS) providers is always available through our Medicare Learning Network drug coverage page at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/23_DrugCoverage.asp on the CMS website.

Transition Policy Fact Sheet

- This fact sheet addresses the new transition policy and the exceptions and appeals process.
- It also provides ready links to tools that will streamline the prescribing process under the new coverage.
- The fact sheet is located at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/Part_D_Resource_Fact_sheet_revised.pdf on the CMS website.

An Important Message for Providers Regarding Medicare Part D from CMS Administrator Dr. Mark McClellan

- Dr. McClellan describes the steps CMS is taking to implement the new Medicare prescription drug coverage and discusses helpful resources for providers.

Other Special Edition Articles Regarding the Prescription Drug Program

- SE0618 – “2006 Standard Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage: Understanding Costs to Beneficiaries” - available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0618.pdf> on the CMS website.
- SE0603 – “Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage: Essential Information and Resources for Prescribing Health Care Professionals – The Eleventh in the MLN Matters Series on the New Prescription Drug Plans” - available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0603.pdf> on the CMS website.
- SE0557 – “Clarification on Part D and Fee-for-Service (FFS) Providers” - available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0557.pdf> on the CMS website.
- SE0502 – “The Facts for Providers Regarding the Medicare Prescription Drug Program” - available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0502.pdf> on the CMS website.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0619.pdf>