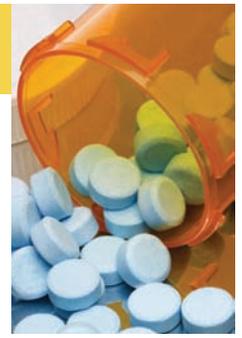


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**AGENDA**

# Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Symposium

*What is the beneficiary experience and what does new Prescription Drug Event (PDE) data show?*

<b>Registration</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.</b>
<b>I. Overview</b>	<b>8:45 a.m.-9:15 a.m.</b>
<i>Kerry Weems, CMS Acting Administrator</i> <i>Abby Block, Director Center for Drug &amp; Health Plan Choice (CPC)</i>	
<b>II. Consumer Preferences in Part D</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.</b>
What type of plan are beneficiaries selecting and what design features are most important? <i>Cynthia Tudor, Ph.D. (CPC)</i>	
<b>III. Overview of PDEs</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.</b>
What do they contain and how are they used? <i>Dan Waldo (ORDI)</i>	
<b>IV. Break</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>V. Drug Use</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</b>
Top 100 drugs by utilization and class variations in generic dispensing rates <i>Michelle Ketcham, PharmD., MBA (CPC)</i> <i>Anita Varghese, PharmD. (CPC)</i>	
<b>VI. Lunch</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.</b>

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**VII. Beneficiary Experience** **1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.**

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Average cost for beneficiaries and by sub-population  
as well as analysis of the initial coverage limit

*Christopher Powers, PharmD (CPC)*

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**VIII. Specialty Tier** **2:00 p.m.–2:45 p.m.**

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Analysis of beneficiary experience

*Kathleen Flannery, PharmD (CPC)*

*Paul Spitalnic, ASA, MAAA (OACT)*

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**IX. Break** **2:45 p.m.–3:00 p.m.**

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**X. What Plans are Doing and What CMS is Doing** **3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m.**

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What tools are plans and CMS using in order to  
control drug costs?

*Gregory Dill, PharmD (CPC)*

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**XI. Closing** **3:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m.**

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