

## Acute Care Home Infusion Drugs

CMS, in conjunction with industry partners, has identified a list of acute care drugs that are most commonly utilized in the home infusion setting. The use of these drugs or drug classes often results in an earlier hospital discharge and reduced healthcare costs. Rapid access to these agents is imperative for these health care transitions. For the remainder of CY 2006, plan sponsors should consider the importance of the drugs or drug classes contained on this list when making coverage determinations. It is CMS' expectation that Part D plan sponsors will not implement policies that could potentially delay or restrict beneficiary access to these important agents. In general, should prior authorization or other utilization management edits apply to any of these agents, we would expect that plan sponsors handle these in an expedited manner in order to facilitate hospital discharge in appropriate time frames. In addition, for CY 2007, it is our expectation that Part D plan sponsors assure appropriate beneficiary access to these drugs or drug classes via formulary inclusion.

Heparin
Parenteral / IV Glucocorticoids
Parenteral / IV 5-Hydroxytryptamine 3 (5-HT3) Antagonists
Parenteral / IV Amino Acids
Parenteral / IV Amino Derivative Penicillins
Parenteral / IV Aminoglycosides
Parenteral / IV Beta-Lactam, Carbapenem
Parenteral / IV Cephalosporin Antibacterials, 1st Generation
Parenteral / IV Cephalosporin Antibacterials, 3rd Generation
Parenteral / IV Cephalosporin Antibacterials, 4th Generation
Parenteral / IV Colistimethate
Parenteral / IV Dextrose in NaCl
Parenteral / IV Electrolytes
Parenteral / IV Extended Spectrum Penicillins
Parenteral / IV Glycopeptide Antibacterials
Parenteral / IV Glycylcyclines
Parenteral / IV Lincomycin Antibacterials
Parenteral / IV Lipids
Parenteral / IV Lipopeptides
Parenteral / IV Loop Diuretics
Parenteral / IV Opioid Analgesics, Long-acting
Parenteral / IV Opioid Analgesics, Short-acting
Parenteral / IV Oxazolidinone Antibacterials
Parenteral / IV Penicillinase-resistant Penicillins
Parenteral / IV Potassium Chloride
Parenteral / IV Quinolones
Parenteral / IV Sodium Chloride
Parenteral / IV Sterile Water
Parenteral / IV Triazole Antifungals
Parenteral / IV Dextrose in Ringers