



Center for Program Integrity

Date: April 26, 2013
To: All Part D Sponsors
From: Tim Hill, Acting Director Medicare Program Integrity Group
Re: Fraud Alert – Part D Billing for Services Not Rendered and Kickback Payments in Miami-Dade County, Miami, Florida

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) was notified by the Office of Investigations, Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Miami Field Office, that the owner of Bonanza Pharmacy Discount was indicted on April 16th, 2013 on allegations stemming from a suspected scheme to defraud the federal healthcare programs.

We are alerting you to this information so that you can take appropriate measures regarding this pharmacy and your Part D prescription drug benefits. These measures, in particular, should be focused on the appropriate detection and identification of fraud, waste, and abuse as required under Part D.

Pharmacy: *Bonanza Pharmacy Discount*

Address: *2350 W. 60th St., Suite #5, Hialeah, FL, 33016-4482*

National Provider Identifier (NPI) Number: *1770877102*

National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Number: *5706885*

Scheme:

Specifically, the evidence developed by the OIG suggests that Bonanza has been billing Medicare Part D Plan Sponsors during the time period Feb. 3, 2012 to Feb. 15, 2013 for medications that were not medically necessary and never rendered to beneficiaries. The OIG also alleges that Bonanza had been paying kickbacks to beneficiaries for participating in the fraud scheme.

If you identify aberrant billings for prescription drugs or have information related to this scheme, please contact the NBI MEDIC or CMS. Any questions on this subject should be directed to your CMS Account Manager or Martina Gilly of the NBI MEDIC at gillym@healthintegrity.org. The NBI MEDIC may also be reached at 1-877-7SAFERX.