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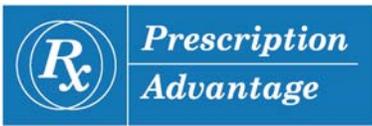
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BULLETIN

This bulletin is one in a series of routine updates regarding Prescription Advantage. These notices are designed to inform a broad network of outreach partners and other interested parties about Plan updates affecting both current and future Plan members.

Secondary Payer and Transitional Drug Coverage Information for Pharmacies

The attached letter was e-mailed to the corporate offices of the chain pharmacies (e.g., Brooks, CVS, Walgreens) and faxed to all independent pharmacies in Massachusetts on January 5, 2006. This letter explains how Prescription Advantage will provide benefits to Medicare beneficiaries who are enrolled in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan when:

1) a member's prescription drug in not covered under the Medicare drug plans formulary, and
2) the member's Medicare drug plan is unable to process the claim due to incomplete enrollment files.

Pharmacies are also reminded to use the member's new Prescription Advantage Member ID number and billing information for claims submission.

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TO: Pharmacy Network

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Secondary Payer and Transitional Drug Coverage Information for Members of Prescription Advantage

Effective January 1, 2006, Prescription Advantage will provide secondary benefits to Medicare beneficiaries who are enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug plan. In order for the benefit to be properly administered, pharmacies must:

1. Submit <u>every</u> claim to the member's Medicare prescription drug plan first; and,
2. Submit <u>every</u> claim to the Prescription Advantage wrap benefit with the COB segment information on the primary payment.

<u>Prescription Advantage Emergency Drug Coverage Based on New Law</u>

In accordance with the new Massachusetts law signed on December 30, 2005, entitled "An Act Providing Emergency Prescription Drug Coverage for Seniors and the Disabled," Prescription Advantage will provide emergency coverage for prescription drugs that are not covered under the member's Medicare drug plan formulary. This emergency coverage will be in effect from January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

Prescription Advantage will provide secondary coverage during the period of time that claims are being paid under the Medicare drug plan's transition policy. Once the Part D transition coverage has been exhausted, Prescription Advantage will provide a one-time emergency 30-day supply and a subsequent 72-hour refill if necessary.

<u>Prescription Advantage as Temporary Primary Payer for Medicare Members</u>

Prescription Advantage will provide primary coverage for Medicare members on an individual and emergency basis. This coverage will be provided during the initial implementation of Medicare Part D to ensure members receive their prescription drugs while the Medicare drug plans are completing their enrollment verification process. This change to the Prescription Advantage coverage status can be initiated by the pharmacy by calling the Prescription Advantage Pharmacy Assistance Line.

<u>Important Reminders</u>

◆ Prescription Advantage members enrolled in Part D plans were issued a new Prescription Advantage ID card. The card includes a new RxBIN (610593), PCN (MPSEAM), and Member ID number. Old Prescription Advantage cards for these members are no longer active and will be rejected as "terminated" from the system.

◆ Each Medicare prescription drug plan has a transition policy. These plans ensure that new enrollees are able to obtain a limited supply of prescription drugs that are not included in the plan's formulary. Claims must be submitted to the Medicare drug plan first to receive benefits under the plan's transition policy. *Please note this does not include drugs that are in Medicare excluded drug categories.*

If you are experiencing difficulty submitting a claim for a Prescription Advantage member, please call the Prescription Advantage Pharmacy Assistance Line

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