



Medicaid Pharmacy News

Dear Providers:

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BENZODIAZEPINES AND BARBITURATES TO BE COVERED BY MEDICARE PART D

Per Section 175 of the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) amended section 1860D-2(e)(2)(A) of the Act, barbiturates “used in the treatment of epilepsy, cancer, or a chronic mental health disorder” and benzodiazepines will be included in Part D drug coverage effective as of January 1, 2013.

Therefore, effective May 15, 2013, all claims for benzodiazepines and barbiturates for Wyoming Medicaid clients **that are also covered by a Medicare Part D plan** will need to be billed to the client’s Medicare Part D plan. The only exception to this would be for claims for barbiturates that are **not being used** to treat epilepsy, cancer, or a chronic mental health disorder, and those claims will still be covered by Wyoming Medicaid.