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Prescription Drug Benefit Manual
Chapter 9 – Part D Program to Control Fraud, Waste and Abuse

The purpose of this draft chapter is to provide guidance for Sponsors to implement a comprehensive program to prevent and detect fraud, waste and abuse in the prescription drug program pursuant to both statutory and regulatory authorities. Specifically, this chapter provides recommendations for Sponsors to implement a program to control fraud, waste and abuse as part of an effective Part D compliance program. Additionally, this chapter outlines CMS' guidelines for operational issues such as handling complaints, and coordinating with CMS and law enforcement.

CMS will be accepting comments on this document until close of business on March 1, 2006. Those interested in commenting may submit their comments via e-mail to CMSPartD_FWA_Comments@ees.hhs.gov. CMS will take all comments into consideration as we finalize Chapter 9 for *The Prescription Drug Benefit Manual*.

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