



MEDICARE ENROLLMENT & APPEALS GROUP

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TO: All Part D Sponsors

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SUBJECT: Revised Part D Notice of Denial of Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (CMS 10146)

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the availability of the revised, OMB-approved standardized Notice of Denial of Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (CMS-10146). The notice and instructions are posted under “Downloads” at:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Appeals-and-Grievances/MedPrescriptDrugApplGriev/PlanNoticesAndDocuments.html>

Beginning no later than March 1, 2014, Part D plan sponsors must use the revised, OMB-approved standardized Notice of Denial of Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (CMS-10146). The revised Part D standardized denial notice must be provided to Part D enrollees when a Part D plan sponsor issues a full or partial coverage determination denial.

The revised version of the Part D standardized denial notice has been modified to include instructions for inserting language (as applicable) in the denial rationale free text field regarding Part D versus Part B coverage. Specifically, when a sponsor denies a drug under Part D, but the drug may be covered under the Part B benefit, the plan sponsor is instructed to include an explanation of possible Part B coverage as part of the denial rationale. If an MA-PD plan can approve coverage for the drug under Part B, the plan sponsor must include this information as part of the explanation about why the drug is not covered under Part D. Sponsors must continue to populate the denial rationale free text field of the notice with information that is specific and clear so an enrollee understands why coverage is not available under Part D, or if coverage is possible, what information is necessary to obtain coverage for the drug in dispute.

Questions

For questions concerning the denial notice, please send an email to:

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