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Pharmacy Announcement

Billing Instruction for Benzodiazepines and Barbiturates for Dual-Eligible Recipients

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has revised the definition of Medicare Part D drugs to include benzodiazepines and barbiturates when used for epilepsy, cancer or chronic mental health disorders. Effective January 1, 2014, Nevada Medicaid will only pay the co-pay for benzodiazepines and barbiturates for Medicaid recipients with Medicare Part D as these drugs should be covered under the recipient's Medicare Part D coverage. Pharmacies filling prescriptions for dual-eligible recipients who have both Medicare Part D coverage and Nevada Medicaid will need to bill the primary Medicare D plan before billing Nevada Medicaid for the co-pay.