



*February 3, 2012*

- ***Medicare Information for Pharmacists***

**PLEASE note that pharmacists must distribute the attached notice beginning immediately** to patients with prescription that are not covered by a Part D plan. While there is a 90 day implementation period allowed for compliance by plans (i.e. their contracted pharmacies) it is expected that pharmacies begin distributing this as soon as possible. Attached is the notice, instructions (what can be added/alterd), and FAQ distributed in October last year.

For questions concerning the standardized pharmacy notice, please send an email to: [PartD\\_Appeals@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:PartD_Appeals@cms.hhs.gov). Also, contact your system vendors (if applicable) to request that they automate the process (when a claim rejects or is rejected by Part D and paid by a supplemental plan) the notice automatically prints.

Please read the memo below from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services:

**CMS Releases the Revised Standardized Pharmacy Notice (CMS-10147)...**

The revised version of the pharmacy notice, titled *Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and Your Rights*, and the instructions can be found under "Downloads" [here](#).

Beginning with the 2012 plan year, this version of the pharmacy notice must be provided to Part D enrollees when a prescription cannot be covered ("filled") under the Medicare Part D benefit at the point-of-sale (POS). The regulation requires distribution of this written notice as of January 1, 2012. We recognize that plan sponsors may need additional time to ensure that operations and systems are in place to fully comply with this requirement. Action for noncompliance will not be taken against a plan sponsor prior to May 1, 2012.

A Spanish version of the notice will be posted to the above CMS website once OMB has approved the translated version of the notice.

Please refer to the attached October 14, 2011 memorandum entitled "Revised Standardized Pharmacy Notice (CMS-10147)" for more information, including responses to frequently asked questions. Additional guidance regarding this notice will be included in the forthcoming revised version of Chapter 18 of the *Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Manual*, including guidance for non-retail pharmacies.

**Questions**

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