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Drug coverage change for dually eligible Medicaid members

Effective January 1, 2013, Medicare is revising coverage of Part D drugs to include: 1) barbiturates when used for the medical indications of epilepsy, cancer, or chronic mental health disorders; and 2) benzodiazepines. As a result, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2013, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will discontinue covering benzodiazepines, as well as most barbiturates for the previously noted medical indications, for members that also have Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage.

Indiana Medicaid will continue to cover barbiturates that are excluded from coverage by Medicare Part D when they are used for other medically accepted indications (for example, the combination product butalbital/aspirin/caffeine, indicated for headaches).

Additional information

For questions about a member's Medicare Part D drug coverage:

- Contact the member's Medicare plan directly
- Go to medicare.gov
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or TTY 1-877-486-2048



QUESTIONS?

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