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ATTENTION EQUALITY CARE PHARMACY PROVIDERS IMPORTANT MEDICARE INFORMATION

On **January 1, 2006** the federal prescription drug benefit through **MediCARE** will begin. Effective January 1st, Equality Care (**MediCAID**) will no longer pay for prescription drugs for those **MediCAID** clients who are eligible for **MediCARE**. These dual eligible patients will begin receiving their prescription drug benefits through **MediCARE Part D** beginning **January 1, 2006**.

- The Equality Care Office of Pharmacy Services will be covering ***only*** those drugs that are exempt from coverage by **MediCARE Part D** prescription drug plans. These drugs include **benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and limited Over-the-Counter (OTC) products**.
- OTC products that will be covered by **MediCAID** include: analgesics, antihistamines, artificial tears, cough and cold products, laxatives, limited enteral nutrition products, calcium and iron supplements, topical antibiotics, topical antifungals, and topical antiparasitics, insulin syringes, and antidiarrheals.
- Nursing Home patients will only receive coverage of benzodiazepines and barbiturates through **MediCAID** starting January 1, 2006. **OTC products are required to be covered by the nursing home for these patients.**
- **MediCAID will NOT cover drugs that are excluded from a prescription drug plan's formulary.**

If a dual eligible client receives **incontinence products**:

- They will have to be billed to **MediCAID** by a Durable Medical Equipment (DME) provider on a CMS (HCFA) 1500 form for HCPCS codes ranging from T4521 to T4542.

- If you have questions as to whether or not you are a **MediCAID** DME provider, to find a pharmacy DME provider in your area, or questions on the CMS 1500 or HCPCS codes, please contact ACS at 1-800-251-1268. More information can also be found on the ACS Equality Care website at <http://wyequalitycare.acs-inc.com>.
- Please note, that in the next few months, Pharmacy Services will be changing the policy on the billing of DME supplies through the **MediCAID** pharmacy program. Many supplies you bill for now through the point-of-sale system (POS) will no longer be allowed, and must be billed on a CMS 1500 in order to be reimbursed by Wyoming **MediCAID**.

MediCAID will NOT cover drugs that are excluded from a MediCARE prescription drug plan's formulary.

- Any issues concerning a dual eligible client's drug coverage by **MediCARE** need to be directed to the client's **MediCARE** prescription drug plan. If you are unable to contact the prescription drug plan or can not resolve your issues, you may contact **MediCARE** at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

If a patient is in the **MediCAID** system as a dual eligible and you try filling a prescription that is not covered by **MediCAID**, you will receive the reject message, "Member may be eligible for Medicare Part D".

- If you or your patient has questions in regard to the patient's eligibility for **MediCARE**, please contact **MediCARE** at the number above, use the **MediCARE** Part D Eligibility Checking system provided to you by the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS), or call ACS at the number listed above.

Pharmacies will bill **MediCAID** for benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and covered OTC products in the same way they bill for non-dual **MediCAID** clients. That is through point-of-sale with the clients **MEDICAID** identification number.

If you have any questions related to **MediCAID** coverage for dual eligible clients, please contact ACS at 1-800-251-1268. For questions regarding **MediCARE** coverage, please contact Medicare at 1-800-633-4227.