

Prime Audit Advisor

Your guide to pharmacy audit success

Responsibilities of the Participating Pharmacy for Medicare Programs

To comply with CMS regulations, participating pharmacies in the Prime Therapeutics LLC Medicare Network(s) must adhere to guidelines outlined in Exhibit C(s) – Prime Medicare Networks. This is part of Prime’s Pharmacy Participation Agreement. You can find performance and service criteria for Prime’s Medicare Networks on Prime’s website at <http://www.primetherapeutics.com/pharmacists.html>.

Here are a few reminders of the Medicare requirements:

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and Your Rights

Point of sale messaging will show when this document is required. With that cue, participating pharmacies are required to provide a copy of the *Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and Your Rights* document with the covered person’s prescription order.

Office of Inspector General (OIG) Exclusion Checks

A participating pharmacy cannot employ or contract with any individuals or entity that is excluded from participation in Medicare or state health care programs. Conduct your exclusion checks prior to contracting or hiring and monthly thereafter. Exclusion checks for chain pharmacies may be done by the corporate office.

Prescription Delivery

CMS requires retail and mail pharmacies to get patient consent to deliver a prescription. This applies to new prescriptions or refills prior to each delivery (unless a waiver is obtained from CMS). This is an effort to control fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA) and to ensure that Medicare covered persons only receive new prescriptions and refills as requested by the member.

Prescription Origin Codes

The participating pharmacy must submit all claims with its prescription origin code:

- 1- Written
- 2- Telephone
- 3- Electronic
- 4- Facsimile

Whether or not your pharmacy is participating in e-prescribing, all claim submissions must indicate the prescription origin code. This facilitates CMS reporting and tracking of e-prescribe participation. Participating pharmacies must comply with applicable e-prescribing standards as established by CMS.

FWA Training

Pharmacies participating in Prime’s networks must attest on an annual basis to the completion of FWA training required by state and Federal programs including CMS. For your convenience, training and the Certification of Compliance form are available at <http://www.primetherapeutics.com/pharmacistsmedicareresources.html>.

This article is not intended to be an exhaustive list of requirements. Please see your Pharmacy Participation Agreement and the Prime Provider Manual for a full listing of requirements.
(<http://www.primetherapeutics.com/pdf/ProviderManual.pdf>)

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