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SHORT CYCLE DISPENSING

Effective January 1, 2013, CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) will require **all** pharmacies that dispense prescription medications to patients who are enrolled in either a Part D Plan (PDP) or a Medicare Advantage plans (MA-PD) *and* who live in long-term care (LTC) facilities to dispense brand-name drugs with no greater than a 14-day supply. This applies only to oral doses: tablets/capsules. Controlled substances are included in the 14-day limit.

The CMS rule excludes:

- antibiotics and other antimicrobial agents
- drugs dispensed in their original container as indicated by the FDA **OR**
- those pharmaceuticals customarily dispensed in their original container to assist with compliance.

CMS does not specify how cardholder copays are to be calculated beyond stating that the total monthly copay amount cannot exceed the monthly copay if the 14-day requirement did not apply.

PACE/CRDP/SPBP does not anticipate any additional field requirements in the PACE NCPDP D.Ø specifications. However, since NCPDP recently expanded the number of values for field 420-DK Submission Clarification Code values, a revision may be distributed prior to January 1, 2013.

Any questions may be directed to Provider Services at 1-800-835-4080.