



Provider Notice 13-01

Dear Provider:

Effective for dates of service on and after January 14, 2013, the Medicaid Program of the Health Care Authority (the Agency) will change prescription coverage for Medicare Part D dual-eligible clients. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have revised the definition of a Part D drug to include barbiturates when prescribed for the treatment of epilepsy, cancer, or a chronic mental health disorder, and benzodiazepines.

The Agency will begin rejecting claims for barbiturates when prescribed for the treatment of *epilepsy, cancer, or a chronic mental health disorder*, and benzodiazepines prescribed to Medicare Part D dual-eligible clients. When barbiturates are prescribed to a client with a diagnosis other than one of these, please bill the Agency using the expedited authorization code 85000000180.

The Agency will add a code for barbiturates to the expedited authorization (EA) list as follows:

barbiturates	180	Prescribed for a diagnosis other than cancer, chronic mental health disorders, or epilepsy.
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For more details, see the current [Expedited Authorization List](#).

Thank you.

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