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CMS Releases Revisions to “Model Part D Prescription Transfer Letter”...

CMS has issued revisions the “Model Part D Prescription Transfer Letter” (previously titled “Model Part D Mail-Order Letter”). On October 23, 2009 CMS released a draft of the Model Part D Prescription Transfer letter. Based upon several comments from advocates and the industry, we are revising the title and the content of the draft version. Specifically, we have revised this model letter to:

- Change the title to accurately reflect that any prescription transfer from one pharmacy to another, initiated by the plan, would require release of this notice and permission by the beneficiary.
- Clarify that this model should only be used when the transfer of the prescription is NOT initiated by the beneficiary (or someone on his/her behalf).
- Remove specific reference to mail-order pharmacy throughout letter.
- Give plans the option to indicate that the receiving pharmacy be contacted instead of customer service when a beneficiary wants to transfer his/her prescription(s).
- Added that the beneficiary may fax or mail the optional permission form to the plan.

Plan sponsors should utilize this letter (attached) beginning with transfers occurring on or after February 1, 2010.

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