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Community CCR_x News

■ CVS Caremark Completes Acquisition of Universal American's Medicare Part D Business

CVS Caremark (NYSE: CVS) completed the acquisition of the Medicare Part D business of Universal American on Friday, April 29, 2011. The companies are currently working to integrate the two businesses' Medicare Prescription Drug Plans, which includes Community CCR_xSM PDP. The acquisition more than doubles the size of CVS Caremark's Medicare Part D program.

"This transaction will make CVS Caremark a top provider of service in Medicare Part D, one of the nation's fastest growing health care segments," said Per Lofberg, president of CVS Caremark Pharmacy Services. "This acquisition will strengthen our business and allow us to expand products and services to Medicare beneficiaries while we work to lower the cost of pharmacy care."

■ June 1 Formulary Changes

During the plan year, drugs may be added to or removed from the formulary. The chart below reflects upcoming changes to the Community CCR_x. These changes may impact your patients.

Negative formulary change notices will be posted [online](#) at least 60 days before the date that the formulary change becomes effective. These changes include:

- Removal of Medicare Part D drugs from the formulary
- Addition of prior authorization, quantity limits, and/or step therapy restrictions
- Drugs being moved to a higher cost-sharing tier

However, if the Food and Drug Administration deems a drug to be unsafe, or if the drug's manufacturer removes the drug from the market, we may immediately remove the drug from the formulary and notification will in that case be retrospective.

Formulary Changes Effective June 1, 2011

Effective Date	Affected Drug	Description of Change	Reason for Change	Alternative Drug	Tier of Alternative Drug
6/1/2011	Aricept oral tablet 5 mg and 10 mg	Deletion	Generic has been added in Tier 3 and will be moved to Tier 2 on 6/1/11	Donepezil	2
6/1/2011	<u>Arimidex</u>	Deletion	Generic added	<u>Anastrozole</u>	1
6/1/2011	Effexor XR	Deletion	Generic will be added on 6/1/11	Venlafaxine HCl capsule 24HR	1

View a complete list of [upcoming formulary changes](#).

For more information, please call Customer Service at 1-866-316-6049, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (TTY users call 1-866-684-5351) 7 days a week.

■ Updated Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Information

Community CCR_x is dedicated to protecting our members, providers, employees, first tier, downstream, and related entities, and the Medicare Trust Fund by administering an effective plan to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA). To assist in that

Pharmacist Resources

My CCR_x

- [Check My Scorecard](#)
- [Check Status of PA](#)

Formulary Tools

- [Formulary \(Printable\)](#)
- [Formulary \(Searchable\)](#)
- [Formulary Changes, Addendums](#)
- [PA Forms](#)

Claims Processing

- [Payer Sheet](#)
- [Pharmacy Services Manual](#)
- [2011 Quick Reference Guide](#)
- [Fraud, Waste and Abuse](#)
- [MAC Appeal Form \(NEW!\)](#)

Plan Information

- [Community CCR_xSM](#)
- [Order Plan Materials](#)
- [Provider Marketing Guidelines](#)

Patient Care Programs

- [Pharmacy Login \(MirixaProSM\)](#)

Pharmacy Help Desk

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aim, we continue to provide a toll-free hotline to report suspicious activity.

If you suspect someone of committing insurance fraud against Community CCRx or believe you may be a victim, please report the suspicious activity to the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) at:

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Hotline: 1-888-277-4149

E-mail: MedicareFraud@CaremarkRx.com

In writing: Patrick Jeswald

Director, Compliance Program Medicare Part D

9501 E Shea Blvd

Scottsdale, AZ 85260

All reports are confidential and may be anonymous. For more information, read about [Community CCRx's FWA policy](#).

Medicare & Medicaid News

■ U.S. Treasury to "Retire" Social Security Paper Check Option

The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced last week it will discontinue issuing paper Social Security checks and will move instead to electronic payments beginning May 1, 2011.

According to the Department's [press release](#), the move is expected to save taxpayers \$1 billion over the next 10 years and will be safer and more convenient than paper checks. Last year alone, more than 540,000 Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) paper checks were reported lost or stolen and had to be replaced.

- Beginning May 1, 2011, any *new applicants* for Social Security, Veterans Affairs or other federal benefits will need to choose an electronic payment method. Paper checks will no longer be an option.
- People *currently* receiving their federal benefits by paper check must switch to direct deposit by March 1, 2013.

To learn more, visit www.GoDirect.org.

■ Give Moms a Little 'Extra Help' this Mother's Day

This Mother's Day, encourage your patients to give a gift that's even better than cards, flowers, and candy. Tell them to talk with their moms about applying for [Extra Help from Social Security](#)—help that could save her nearly \$4,000 a year on the cost of prescription drugs, if she qualifies.

Social Security has an easy-to-use online application that anyone can complete at www.socialsecurity.gov. Applicants should select the link on the left of the page that says, "Get extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs."

To apply by phone or have an application mailed, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 and ask for the Application for Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans, visit www.medicare.gov.

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