

October 30, 2008



AGENDA

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Symposium

What is the beneficiary experience and what does new Prescription Drug Event (PDE) data show?

Registration

8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

I. Overview

8:45 a.m.-9:15 a.m.

*Kerry Weems, CMS Acting Administrator
Abby Block, Director Center for Drug & Health Plan
Choice (CPC)*

II. Consumer Preferences in Part D

9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

*What type of plan are beneficiaries selecting and what
design features are most important?
Cynthia Tudor, Ph.D. (CPC)*

III. Overview of PDEs

10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

*What do they contain and how are they used?
Dan Waldo (ORDI)*

IV. Break

10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

V. Drug Use

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

*Top 100 drugs by utilization and class
variations in generic dispensing rates
Michelle Ketcham, PharmD., MBA (CPC)
Anita Varghese, PharmD. (CPC)*

VI. Lunch

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

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VII. Beneficiary Experience

1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

Average cost for beneficiaries and by sub-population
as well as analysis of the initial coverage limit

Christopher Powers, PharmD (CPC)

VIII. Specialty Tier

2:00 p.m.–2:45 p.m.

Analysis of beneficiary experience

Kathleen Flannery, PharmD (CPC)

Paul Spitalnic, ASA, MAAA (OACT)

IX. Break

2:45 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

X. What Plans are Doing and What CMS is Doing

3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m.

What tools are plans and CMS using in order to
control drug costs?

Gregory Dill, PharmD (CPC)

XI. Closing

3:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m.