

HPMS E-Mail

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Subject: Coverage Gap Discount Program Notice

As the beginning of the new contract year approaches and the Coverage Gap Discount Program begins on January 1st, we have received questions about the labeler code posting on the CMS website (http://www.cms.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovGenIn/05_Pharma.asp#TopOfPage). By way of clarification, the list of participating labeler codes only applies to Part D coverage of national drug codes (NDCs) approved under New Drug Applications (NDAs) or licensed under Biologics License Applications (BLAs), that is “brand” name drugs and “biologics.” Coverage of all other Part D drug NDCs (e.g. Part D drug NDCs approved under abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) or “generic” drugs) is not subject to this list. In other words, labeler codes for generic drugs on your organization’s formulary may not appear on the CMS posting of participating labeler codes. Part D sponsors must ensure that NDCs for generic drugs are not erroneously rejecting at the point of sale due to the absence of labeler codes from the list identified above.