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### RECENTLY APPROVED MEDICARE PROVISIONS

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#### Goal

To review recent changes in Medicare that affect the practice of pharmacy; provide a brief history of the Medicare program; explain the MPDIMA, which includes provisions for temporary Medicare-approved Drug Discount Cards; and discuss provisions for medication therapy management services.

#### Objectives

After reviewing this article, the reader should be able to:

1. describe the relationship of Medicare to the Social Security Act;
2. identify and explain differences in Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D;
3. summarize how premiums, deductibles, and co-insurance relate to the MPDIMA;
4. identify who is likely to benefit from Medicare Part D;
5. summarize the temporary Medicare-approved Drug Discount Card program;
6. identify 6 products that are not covered by Medicare-approved Drug Discount Cards;
7. describe procedures for enrolling in a Medicare-approved Drug Discount Card program;
8. list 5 disease states that relate to the medication therapy management services of Medicare Part D.

#### Test Questions

1. The first president to propose a prepaid health insurance plan for senior citizens was:
  - (a) Franklin Roosevelt.
  - (b) Harry Truman.
  - (c) Herbert Hoover.
  - (d) Theodore Roosevelt.
  - (e) Dwight Eisenhower.

2. Medicare was expanded to provide health insurance for people aged  $\geq 65$  years, as well as certain younger people with disabilities and end-stage kidney disease, in:
  - (a) 1965.
  - (b) 1969.
  - (c) 1972.
  - (d) 1980.
  - (e) 1990.
3. Medicare Part C provides coverage for:
  - (a) hospitalization.
  - (b) medical care.
  - (c) dental care.
  - (d) optical care.
  - (e) managed care plans.
4. Mrs. Smith has a Medicare card that requires no premiums and provides her with coverage for hospitalization; however, she does not have coverage for physician office visits, physical therapy, or medication. What type of Medicare does she have?
  - (a) Part A
  - (b) Part B
  - (c) Part D
  - (d) Parts A and B
  - (e) Parts A and D
5. When Medicare Part D is fully implemented in 2006, there will be monthly premiums of approximately \_\_\_\_\_ and annual deductibles of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) \$10, \$100
  - (b) \$35, \$250
  - (c) \$50, \$50
  - (d) \$50, \$500
  - (e) \$60, \$350
6. Mrs. Smith has spent \$4,000 out-of-pocket for her medications under Medicare Part D. Her co-insurance for a new prescription will be:
  - (a) the greater of either a \$2 generic/\$5 brand copayment or a 5% co-insurance payment.
  - (b) the lesser of either a \$2 generic/\$5 brand copayment or a 5% co-insurance payment.
  - (c) \$1 if the prescription is filled with a generic drug.
  - (d) 25% co-insurance payment.
  - (e) \$35.
7. Temporary Medicare-approved Drug Discount Cards will expire on:
  - (a) June 30, 2005.
  - (b) September 30, 2005.
  - (c) November 30, 2005.
  - (d) December 31, 2005.
  - (e) January 31, 2006.
8. What product is not covered by Medicare Drug Discount Cards?
  - (a) insulin
  - (b) syringes
  - (c) needles
  - (d) alcohol swabs
  - (e) blood glucose test strips

Answer sheet appears on page 115.

9. An on-line tool that can help consumers decide which Discount Drug Card will provide the best coverage for them is available at:
- (a) www.pharmacist.com
  - (b) www.fda.gov
  - (c) www.dea.gov
  - (d) www.medicare.gov
  - (e) www.aphanet.org
10. Individuals qualifying for TA can receive:
- (a) \$600 credit for prescription drugs in 2004 and an additional \$600 credit in 2005.
  - (b) \$600 credit for prescription drugs in 2004 and an additional \$700 credit in 2005.
  - (c) \$600 total credit for prescription drugs purchased before 2006.
  - (d) \$250 deductible.
  - (e) 25% co-insurance.
11. Mrs. Smith's income in 2004 was \$11,360. What percent of co-insurance will she pay until her TA credit is used?
- (a) 5%
  - (b) 10%
  - (c) 15%
  - (d) 20%
  - (e) 25%
12. Which of the following is the maximum fee that can be charged for a temporary Medicare Drug Discount Card?
- (a) \$15 per year
  - (b) \$25 per year
  - (c) \$30 per year
  - (d) \$35 per year
  - (e) \$35 per month
13. Patients with which of the following disease states are not likely to qualify for MTM services?
- (a) diabetes
  - (b) asthma
  - (c) hypertension
  - (d) hyperlipidemia
  - (e) gout
14. Which of the following is an element of the MTM program that is not expected to affect pharmacy?
- (a) increased collaboration of pharmacists and physicians
  - (b) electronic prescribing
  - (c) increased premiums and deductibles
  - (d) improved education and counseling of patients
  - (e) greater use of adherence strategies for prescription medications