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Iowa Priority Prescription Savings Program

Overview

The Iowa Priority Prescription Savings Program is a new plan geared toward alleviating the burden of high-cost prescription medication for Iowa's Medicare eligible population. The program, administered by the Iowa Prescription Drug Corporation, aligns the objectives of patients, physicians, pharmacists and pharmaceutical manufacturers to decrease costs and promote effective drug utilization.

Components

For a \$20.00 annual fee, enrollees receive the following:

- Varied drug discounts at point of sale
- A thorough Brown Bag assessment to be performed by their pharmacist or physician.

Brown Bag Assessment

The program's Brown Bag Assessment is designed to promote cost-effective, and highly effectual therapies. The assessment will review all prescription, over the counter and herbal medications currently used by the enrollee. The pharmacist or physician performing this assessment will receive \$25.00 for completing the necessary information.

Pharmacy Network Rate

Argus has created a network, ANA 13, for the Iowa Priority program which pays at Usual and Customary or:

- Preferred Brand – AWP minus (-) 10%, plus \$6.50 dispensing fee
- Non-Preferred Brand – AWP minus (-) 10%, plus \$4.50 dispensing fee
- Non-MAC Generic – AWP minus (-) 20%, plus \$6.50 dispensing fee
- MAC Generic– (HCFA), plus a \$6.50 dispensing fee
- Compounded Claims – U&C minus (-) 10%, plus a \$9.50 dispensing fee