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## QUICK SUMMARY OF CMS FINAL RULE ON SHORT-CYCLE DISPENSING

### **What is the timeline for implementation?**

Beginning January 1, 2013, all pharmacies which are servicing long-term care (LTC) facilities, including mail order and retail pharmacies, will be required to adhere to this new regulation.

### **What is the maximum amount of days which brand drugs can be dispensed?**

Brand drugs must be dispensed at 14-days-or-less.

### **Can generics be dispensed in a different quantity?**

Yes, however CMS is encouraging shorter cycle based upon needs to the LTC facility. Having different quantities dispensed of brand and generic can be a cause for confusion and frustration with nursing staff.

### **Does this apply to liquids dispensed from the pharmacy?**

No, this is applying only to the solid oral medications.

### **Is there costs savings to the nursing home which could be realized from shorter cycle dispensing?**

Absolutely, the savings can vary dramatically depending upon how medications are packaged and dispensed by the pharmacy to the amount of waste that is generated by the Part A residents. Our internal studies have shown savings of nearly 4 hours per day in medication pass times and savings in excess of 10% of the total drug costs.

### **Does this rule apply to residents with Part D Plans?**

Yes, it applies to all Part D sponsors as long as dispensing method technique is uniform within the facility. Further, Part D sponsors should NOT request credits for drugs that are dispensed but not consumed by the patient.

### **Are all unused medications required to be reported?**

Yes, CMS is requiring that all unused drugs be reported by the plan sponsor.

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