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To: Pharmacy Benefit Managers, Insurers and Nonprofit Health Service Plan and Health Maintenance Organizations

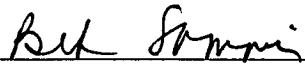
Re: Approved Accreditation Organization for the Accreditation of Pharmacy Benefits Managers

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in COMAR 31.10.36.03, the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) has approved URAC as an accreditation organization for pharmacy benefits managers (PBMs).

PBMs accredited by URAC are deemed to meet the requirements for pharmacy and therapeutics committees specified under Insurance Article §§15-1614 and 15-1617, Annotated Code of Maryland.

As previously noted in Bulletin 08-25, no purchaser may enter into an agreement with a PBM unless the PBM is registered with the Insurance Commissioner by July 1, 2009. A purchaser includes an insurer, nonprofit health service plan and a health maintenance organization.

Any questions regarding this Bulletin should be directed to Chineta Alford, MIA, at (410) 468-2105.


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