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ANALYSIS AND INSIGHT INTO CRITICAL DRUG DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

Drug plans non-compliant with Medicare regulations in six therapeutic classes

Prescription drug plans, on average, cover 83% of drugs required by CMS

- Ninety-one percent of all Medicare beneficiaries receive pharmaceutical care insurance.
- Formularies, on average, include 83% of drugs that CMS requires for six therapeutic categories.
- Some drug plans do not comply with CMS's rule that requires they pay for 75% of the costs of drugs in the six therapeutic categories, between the deductible and the initial coverage limit.
- Medicare beneficiaries spend an average of \$15-\$35 per 30-day prescription.
- Fifteen percent of the drugs studied required authorization prior to dispensing, including drugs in categories in which the use of prior authorization is not sanctioned.