



*****Provider Alert*****

TO: 340B SPN Providers
FROM: Robin A. Cunningham
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SUBJECT: Prescription Pads for 340B

Count down to 340B! NorthSTAR is going live with the 340B Program on May 1, 2006. Attached for your use are the 340B prescription pads. These pads have the 340b pharmacy designation for your clinic written right on the pad. Hopefully, this information will assist the patient to go to the correct designated pharmacy.

What about existing prescription pads?

Please turn in your existing prescription pads to the Xpress Lab technician at your site.

What about existing prescription refills?

Existing prescriptions with refills will process just like a new prescription. Since the member and pharmacy may not be aware of these claims being eligible for 340B, our pharmacy benefits manager's (PBM) system will adjudicate these claims according to the plan edits in place by checking member, physician, pharmacy, and medication eligibility. If the member, physician and medication are 340B eligible but the pharmacy is not, the pharmacy will get a reject message alerting them to notify the member of the new pharmacy by name and phone number. The current pharmacy will have the ability to transfer the prescription.

Please remember that the new 340B designated pharmacy limitation is ONLY for indigent enrollees. Medicaid and Medicare Part D patients will continue to have access to any Medicaid or Medicare Part D participating pharmacy.

Thank you in advance for making this a success!

Please have members to contact Customer Service at **888-800-6799** if there are additional questions or concerns.

Should you have any questions about the prescription pads or process, please contact:

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