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**CAREMARK PLAN CHANGES AND  
MEDICARE PART D OPEN ENROLLMENT**

1. **CAREMARK Plan Changes:**

In light of CVS Health's new commitment to wellness, Caremark is now providing some plans with a co-pay differential to their beneficiaries. The co-pay will vary based on whether the pharmacy sells tobacco products or not. If you still sell tobacco products, your Caremark patients (in these plans) will be charged an extra \$15 on their co-pays for having their prescriptions filled in your store. Patient's that go to pharmacies that do not sell tobacco products will not see the extra \$15 charge. You should be receiving these new contracts shortly if you have not already. Please be sure to read through it thoroughly before signing.

2. **Medicare Open Enrollment starts October 15th. Be Prepared:**

IPA would like to remind you of our contract with **iMedicare**. **iMedicare** provides an automatic on-line comparison of Medicare plans to help your customers select a plan that provides the best coverage for them, while also separately displaying the **best reimbursement for your pharmacy**.

The iMedicare program benefits:

- **The cost of the program is \$840/year per store (with the 30% Discount for IPA Members):** The program is available for PCs and tablets.
- **Compares Medicare Plans in Less than 2 Minutes:** This program compares and clearly shows patients their monthly costs, doughnut hole, health benefits and enrollment options and you will see the reimbursement for your pharmacy for each plan.
- **Imports Drug Profiles from Your Pharmacy Computer System – No Data Entry:** Integrates with your pharmacy system to populate each patient's information and their active drug list, thereby eliminating data entry completely.
- **View Therapeutic Alternatives for "Not-Covered" Drugs:** Shows the full reimbursement and formulary coverage for therapeutic alternatives so you can tell what is covered and what restrictions a drug may have.