

Third Party Prescription Programs Case Studies

1. For a class project you are asked to compare and contrast Medicare and Medicaid. Describe how you would address each of the following issues: target population, coverage for hospital services, coverage of physician (medical) services, and coverage for outpatient prescription services.

2. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages to a managed care organization of forming an IPA model HMO versus a staff model HMO.

3. Quality improvement of health care can address the structure, process and outcomes of the care. Identify two indicators that could be used to improve the quality of the use of antibiotics within an IPA model HMO.

4. What can be done to reduce the time pharmacists spend contacting physicians to change prescribed drugs to those covered by the patient's formulary? Discuss two specific approaches.

5. Discuss one favorable effect and one unfavorable effect that third parties have had on pharmacy practice.

6. Describe two ways that third party contracts estimate the drug acquisition cost in a formula for pricing a prescription.