

A Note from Your Pharmacist: Avoiding the Use of High-Risk Meds in Elderly Patients

Date: _____

Dear _____,

I want to share information with you about avoiding the use of high-risk medications in elderly patients. The list of medications that are considered high-risk is based on the Beers Criteria. Insurers are focusing on strategies for meeting this quality measure to help reduce preventable adverse effects in the elderly. For example, Medicare Part D prescription drug plans are being evaluated on whether their elderly patients are taking any high-risk medications. For this reason, some plans may also limit coverage for some of these medications.

Concerning your patient, _____,
and the patient's Rx for:

(medication, dose, dosing interval)

I'm suggesting a switch to:

(medication, dose, dosing interval)

for the following reason:

If you agree with this switch, please fax or phone a new Rx to us at:

_____-_____-_____(fax) or _____-_____-_____(phone). Or, transmit a new eRx.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
