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TO: Community Based Care:
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FROM: Safety, Oversight and Quality

RE: House Bill 3359: Prescription drug packaging
CBC Provider Alert:

This is a reminder about a legislative change that took place on January 1, 2018 related to prescription drug packaging. This change requires providers ensure that all medications are packaged in a manner that reduces the potential for errors of the tracking of medications.

Bubble packaging, or unit dosage is one option. If this is not an option the provider must have a policy to ensure safe dispensing and tracking of all medications.

Listed below is the section of House Bill 3359 related to prescription drug packaging.

(Prescription Drug Packaging)

SECTION 27. (1) A residential care facility shall ensure that prescription drugs dispensed to residents of the facility are packaged in a manner that reduces errors in the tracking of and the administration of the drugs, including but not limited to the use of unit dose systems or blister packs.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to residents receiving pharmacy benefits through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs if the pharmacy benefits do not reimburse the cost of such packaging.

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