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5. Except as provided in item (6), coverage of the professional dispensing fee for a particular pharmacy or dispensing physician for a drug for a recipient is limited to one professional dispensing fee per 30- to 34-day supply, or 90 day supply as described in #3.
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