



NAME: LCDR GREGORY R. DILL

JOB TITLE: PHARMACIST

AGENCY: CENTER FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS)

EDUCATION/DEGREES/CERTIFICATES/INSTITUTIONS:

LCDR Gregory Dill received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business and Economics from Lafayette College in 1991. He later obtained an Associate of Science in Engineering Science from Harold Washington College in 1995. LCDR Dill received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois in 1999. He has been active in continuing his pharmacy education by becoming credentialed in Diabetes Disease State Management by the National Institute for Standards in Pharmacist Credentialing and he has received immunization certification by the American Pharmaceutical Association.

CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION:

LCDR Dill is a Pharmacist at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Division of Drug Plan Policy and Analysis, in the Chicago Regional Office. His responsibilities include facilitating the development of national drug policy as it relates to the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit, including the publication of new regulations for the Part D Program. He is considered a National Subject Matter Expert on policy relating to Part D vaccines and the definition of Part D drugs. His current position allows him to interact with other CMS and Health and Human Services (HHS) departmental components, national professional pharmacy organizations, and other state and local governmental agencies regarding Medicare Part D. He is the key liaison between CMS and the U.S. Pharmacopoeia as it relates to the CMS Model Guidelines and he has participated on the CMS National Open Door Forums on topics from E-prescribing to Part D Outreach. Among his many accomplishments in his current position, LCDR Dill has facilitated the development of a new contract with the U.S. Pharmacopoeia, generated sub-regulatory guidance for Part D sponsors on topics from inhaled insulin to safety syringes, and created the first edition of Chapter 6 of the Medicare Prescription Drug Manual.

QUALIFYING SKILLS FOR CURRENT POSITION:

LCDR Dill's Doctor of Pharmacy degree and prior experience have provided him the qualifying skills needed for his current position. Prior to joining the U.S. Public Health Service, LCDR Dill served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserves in the Medical Service Corps. In addition, LCDR Dill has previous experience in the pharmaceutical industry where he worked as an Associate Director for Research and Development Quality Assurance, a Quality Assurance Manager, and a Quality Assurance Specialist for various pharmaceutical companies. In addition to these activities, LCDR Dill works part-time as a pharmacist and is responsible for dispensing, counseling and patient care.

PREVIOUS USPHS ASSIGNMENTS:

LCDR Dill has held various assignments in the USPHS. Most recently, he was a pharmacist for CMS, Provider Services Branch Chicago, where he provided professional, technical and clinical expertise concerned with the complex challenges posed by the addition of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit. He also served as a professional pharmacist in implementing the Medicare Drug Benefit, which focused on developing and providing educational outreach to practicing outpatient and long-term care pharmacists.

Prior to his career with CMS, he was an investigator for the Food & Drug Administration, Investigations Branch, Chicago District. In this role, he was responsible for independently planning, coordinating and conducting inspections and evaluating food and drug industry practices as they relate to the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and other laws enforced by the FDA to support appropriate regulatory actions.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS/ACTIVITIES:

LCDR Dill is an Associate Recruiter and the point of contact for the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy. He is an active preceptor for pharmacy students from the University of Colorado and the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy. He is a member of the Commissioned Officers Association, American Pharmaceutical Association, and the Illinois Pharmacy Association. When asked about aspects of his career he finds most enjoyable, LCDR Dill explained that he has had numerous opportunities to meet other pharmacists, travel, and participate in many interesting and exciting activities.

By LCDR Richardae Araojo