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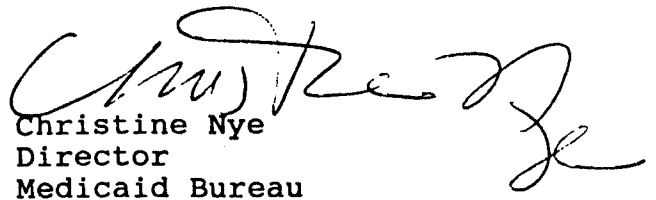
NOTE TO: All State Medicaid Directors
SUBJECT: Medicaid Drug Rebate Program

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The Alza Corporation located in Palo Alto, California notified us on March 26, 1991, that they submitted an incorrect labeler code for their company. The correct labeler code for Alza Corporation is 17314. The bad labeler code is 71314. Their participation is effective January 1, 1991. They are submitting a revised signed agreement.

One other noteworthy item involves those manufacturers which have more than one company using the same labeler code. For example, the Glaxo Corporation located in North Carolina is composed of three companies: Glaxo Dermatology, Glaxo Pharmaceuticals and Allen & Hanburys. Each of the companies uses the labeler code 00173. This is the correct procedure based on the terms of the drug rebate agreement. Please ensure that the pharmacy community in your state is aware that coverage is based on the labeler code identified on the list that we sent to you. Individual company names are not controlling for coverage determinations in the drug rebate program.

Please continue to refer your questions to us by calling the Drug Rebate Hotline at (301) 966-3249.


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cc: All Regional Administrators