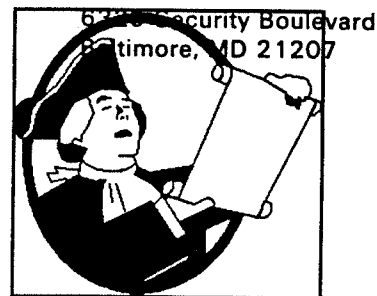




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MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM Release No. 7

NOTE TO: All State Medicaid Directors

* * * * IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED * * * *

Yesterday we mailed a round reel tape or tape cartridge, depending upon the preference your agency earlier expressed, to the person identified as your technical contact for the Drug Rebate Program. The tape or cartridge contained all the data elements shown on the record layout enclosed with the package including information for the January-March quarter.

This note is to inform you that in addition to yesterday's mailing, we are also mailing today to the same technical person:

- o A diskette containing the final list, by labeler code, of all manufacturers participating in the program effective January 1. The names, telephone numbers and addresses of the legal, financial, and technical contacts for each labeler will be included. Please note this diskette updates the one sent to you on March 15, and includes the 247 labeler codes from the earlier diskette, the 69 listed in my April 29 letter to you, and 25 additional codes enrolled since April 29. In all, there are 341 labeler codes enrolled in the program effective January 1, 1991.
- o A hard copy listing of manufacturers added to the program since I wrote you on April 29 (Release No. 4): 25 manufacturers have been added effective January 1, plus 7 effective July 1, 1991 (copy attached).
- o The methodology HCFA used to calculate unit rebate amounts. We will also send this document to all participating manufacturers (copy attached).

In mid-July, we will send you an update of the January-March quarter file, which we hope will include comprehensive January-March quarter data for all 341 manufacturers. It will also reflect corrections of errors identified in the interim.

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



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All State Technical Contacts