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MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM

RELEASE #33

TODAY'S NEWS

for Participating Drug Manufacturers

NEW DISKETTE SYSTEM - FINAL NOTICE

In release #32, dated December 22, 1997, we asked that all diskette users and labelers wishing to change to the diskette system kindly fill out a form attached to that release and FAX or mail it to us, no later than March 31, 1998. To date, we have received completed forms from about 30% of the diskette users. Please be advised that this will be the final notice regarding this release of the Y2K diskette system. Any diskette users not responding will be sent the DOS version of the system. Attached to this release is another copy of the form, just in case you lost or misplaced your copy. Questions should be directed to Vince Powell on (410) 786-3314 or Judy Allison on (410) 786-3330.

CHANGES TO CONTACT INFORMATION

Periodically, we find that the names, addresses and/or telephone numbers are no longer valid for those people designated as your legal, invoice or technical contacts. It is extremely important that we have correct information that we can share with the State Medicaid agencies. Your contact information is shared with all States, major industry associations and anyone that accesses our website located at www.hcfa.gov. We encourage you to verify that your company information shown at our website is correct. When submitting changes to your contact information, please use the Supplemental Data Sheet(s) found on pages M4 and M5 of the Medicaid Drug Rebate Operational Training Guide. Your changes can be sent to us via facsimile transmission at (410) 786-0390 and should be directed to the attention of Judy Allison.

TRAINING GUIDE UPDATES

Attached are the latest updates to the Medicaid Drug Rebate Operational Training Guide. These updates incorporate general revisions, HCFA's regional office consortia, and some additional millennium changes. Please share the updates with all staff involved in the program and replace these pages in your guide.

Please note that the staff directory section of the guide has been updated, and, in particular, now includes systems maintenance staff. In the future, any questions regarding diskette maintenance (DOS and WINDOWS) should be directed to Henry Chao. Henry's telephone number is listed on the revised page O2 of the staff telephone directory.

OTHER ATTACHMENTS

Copies of the topic index and a listing of the 90-day treasury bill auction rates for the period of September 15, 1997 through March 16, 1998 are attached.

Please remember to direct your drug rebate questions to a staff member listed in section "O" of the Medicaid Drug Rebate Operational Training Guide.

Albert C. Richardson
for Sally K. Richardson
Director
Center for Medicaid and State Operations

4 Attachments

cc:

All Regional Administrators

All Associate Regional Administrators, Division of Medicaid