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MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM

RELEASE #36

# TODAY'S NEWS

for Participating Drug Manufacturers

**\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\*\*\***  
**DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROJECT (DRP) MEETINGS**  
**\*\*\*\*\*IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED\*\*\*\*\***

In this release we are announcing the remaining FY 98 DRP meetings schedule. With nearly 40 states and over 50 manufacturers participating in the DRP since its implementation in 1994, over \$300 million formerly in dispute have been resolved, with communication and cooperation among states, manufacturers and HCFA showing significant improvement. Currently, the DRP meetings scheduled for the week of June 22 in Denver and for Dallas the week of July 6 are filled. Due to budget limitations, we canceled the DRP meetings originally scheduled for the week of August 10 in Chicago.

We are pleased to announce that, with the cooperation of the Denver Regional Office and the support of HCFA leadership, we are expanding our scheduled DRP meetings in Denver for the week of August 31 - September 4. Sufficient facilities and experienced HCFA DRP staff will be available to conduct concurrent meetings with numerous states and manufacturers.

Thus, this National DRP Meeting is open to all states, regardless of consortium jurisdiction and all manufacturers. Given the very positive experience and productive results reported by all participants to date, we strongly encourage your attendance. These will likely be the last DRP meetings until late Winter or early Spring 1999.

In order to allow adequate time for the considerable planning required, we ask that you promptly complete the attached form and follow the directions for its submission. States should contact their CONSORTIUM DRP COORDINATOR for additional information. Manufacturers should contact the Denver DRP Coordinator as indicated on the attachment.

Thank you for your timely attention to this notice.

**WE'VE MOVED - NEW OVERNIGHT DELIVERY ADDRESS**

As reported in Release Number 35, HCFA has conducted an internal move. The Drug Rebate Staff has been relocated and therefore our overnight delivery address has changed. If you send us pricing data or other correspondence via overnight/express mail please use the following address.

HCFA, Center for Medicaid and State Operations  
Drug Rebate Program  
Mail Stop S3-19-16  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

Our move does not affect our regular mail address, fax number, or any individual staff phone number. This information can be found in section O of the Drug Rebate Training Guide.

**A flyer with the above information is included with this release for your convenience.**

**OTHER ATTACHMENTS**

A copy of the topic index and a current listing of the 90-day treasury bill auction rates for the period beginning September 15, 1997 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.



Sally K. Richardson  
Director

3 Attachments

cc:

All Regional Administrators

All Associate Regional Administrators, Division of Medicaid