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MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM

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TODAY'S NEWS for Participating Drug Manufacturers

DISPUTE RESOLUTION NATIONAL MEETINGS

There are still a few slots remaining for both the June and September DRP national meetings for both states and labelers. Anyone interested, please complete the attached DRP form and FAX to Diane Dunstan. Please do this as soon as possible as the meetings are filling up quickly.

NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER FOR DENVER DRP COORDINATOR

The Denver Regional Office has relocated, effective the week of April 26. Here is the updated mailing information on the Denver DRP coordinator, Diane Dunstan.

Diane Dunstan
HCFA/Drug Rebate
Colorado State Bank Building
1600 Broadway, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80202

Phone: (303) 844-7040
FAX: (303) 844-3753 (unchanged)

ORDERNET EDI FORMAT - REITERATION

HCFA and Sterling Commerce are working to notify labelers that use ORDERNET EDI format to transmit quarterly data to HCFA. As you may already know, the ORDERNET EDI format, also known as the NWDA fixed format, is not able to handle the submission of Year 2000 data. Sterling Commerce offers four options to make your transition to another data format as simple as possible. Please note that it is not necessary to choose a format based on HCFA's choice. Sterling has assured HCFA that the data which is being submitted by the manufacturers will be received by HCFA in the proper format.

NOTE: Please do not contact HCFA staff in regards to which data submission choice you would like to make. You must contact Sterling Commerce and inform them of your choice. The contact person and phone number at Sterling Commerce is Lori Brofford 614-793-7083.

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

**DRUG REBATE PROGRAM
DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROJECT (DRP)
(REMAINING) 1999 NATIONAL MEETINGS**

Please check below ANY AND ALL dates you would like to attend the REMAINING 1999 National DRP meetings all to be held in Denver. States AND Labelers, please FAX to Diane Dunstan ASAP.

DATE: June 14 to 18 _____

DATE: Sept 13 to 17 _____

NAME: _____ STATE/LBR CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

OF REPS. EXPECTED TO ATTEND: _____

FAX to: Diane Dunstan (303) 844-3753 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Please note: Although Diane has physically moved and her phone number has changed, her FAX number remains the same.

For STATES ONLY: What labelers would you be interested in visiting with?

For LABELERS ONLY: What States would you be interested in visiting with?
