

August 9, 2002

MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM

RELEASE #56

For Participating Drug Manufacturers

NEW ADDRESS FOR DRUG POLICY QUESTIONS

Effective immediately, we are discontinuing the drugrebatepolicy@cms.hhs.gov e-mail box for policy questions on the Medicaid drug program. CMSO recently established a Pharmacy Team (referred to as the PharmT), comprising seven drug policy analysts and co-directed by Larry Reed and Deirdre Duzor. If you have a policy question, please address it to the PharmT lead analyst for your state, as shown on the attached chart.

NEW INTERNET WEB SITE ADDRESS FOR DRUG REBATE

The new web site address for the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program is www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/drugs/drughmpg.asp.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM (DRP) NATIONAL MEETINGS

We are pleased to announce that the next National DRP meetings will be held September 24 - September 26 in Denver. These meetings are a continuation of the highly successful meetings held in Denver since 1998. Nearly \$1 billion in formerly disputed rebates have been resolved through the DRP and these meetings have been cited by many states and manufacturers as essential to the resolution of outstanding rebate disputes.

While these meetings are open to all states and manufacturers, we strongly encourage those with significant amounts in dispute to attend. Since it is unclear at this time because of budget and resource limitations as to whether we will be conducting other DRP meetings beyond these, it is profoundly important that you take advantage of the opportunity to attend

these meetings in September. Further, we are requesting that, if possible, states plan on arriving in Denver in time to attend a “States-only” meeting with the DRP Team Tuesday morning September 24th. We will provide details on that meeting later.

Historically, our September DRP meetings have been the most heavily attended of all our national meetings. Due to CMS travel limitations, we have been forced to constrict this session; therefore, we may not be able to accommodate all states and manufacturers that wish to attend the September meeting.

As in the past, prior planning is absolutely imperative to the success of these meetings so we are requesting that you PROMPTLY complete the attached registration form and return it as instructed to Diane Dunstan, the National DRP Regional Office (RO) Coordinator. Whenever possible, priority scheduling will be afforded those who respond first. We will ensure that we provide adequate DRP staff to conduct the meetings based on your timely responses. Equally important, you should begin planning now in order to obtain satisfactory accommodations in Denver.

Please feel free to contact any of the RO DRP Team members for any dispute-related issue and they will coordinate with Diane, the RO lead in Denver. Of course, you may contact Tami Bruce, the DRP Central Office (CO) Coordinator or Mike Keogh, the DRP Team Leader, on any rebate dispute matter. Tami may be reached at (410) 786-1519 or and Mike at (410) 786-5910 or .

If you have any specific questions regarding the National DRP meeting in Denver, please contact Diane Dunstan at (303) 844-7040 or ddunstan@cms.hhs.gov.

OTHER ATTACHMENT

A copy of the current listing of the 90-day treasury bill auction rates beginning with the period February 26, 2001, is 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.

Deputy Director
Finance, Systems and Quality Group

cc:

All Regional Administrators

All Associate Regional Administrators, Division of Medicaid

Pharmacy Team (PharmT) State Assignments

Team Leaders: Deirdre Duzor (410)786-4626 and Larry Reed (410)786-3325

<i>Sue Gaston (410)786-6918 Email:SGaston@ cms.hhs.gov</i>	<i>Tammi Hessen (410)786-1025 THessen@ cms.hhs.gov</i>	<i>Christine Hinds* (410)786-4578 CHinds@ cms.hhs.gov</i>	<i>Kim Howell (410)786-6762 KHowell@ cms.hhs.gov</i>	<i>Christina Lyon (410)786-3332 CLyon@ cms.hhs.gov</i>	<i>Cindy Pelter (410)786-117 CPelter@ cms.hhs.gov</i>
<i>Lead for: Alabama D.C. Georgia Kansas Missouri New Jersey South Carolina Vermont</i>	<i>Lead for: Connecticut Florida Illinois Maine Michigan Mississippi New Mexico Oregon Utah</i>	<i>Lead for: * New York Pennsylvania Virginia (*On leave through 11/02, so please call Back- Up analyst)</i>	<i>Lead for: Alaska Arkansas Hawaii Kentucky Montana North Carolina Rhode Island Washington</i>	<i>Lead for: Arizona Colorado Indiana Maryland Nevada Ohio Tennessee Wisconsin</i>	<i>Lead for: Delaware Idaho Iowa Minnesota New Hampshi Oklahoma Texas</i>
<i>Back-up for: Colorado Indiana Louisiana Minnesota New Hampshire</i>	<i>Back-up for: Arkansas Delaware Iowa Massachusetts New Jersey</i>	<i>Back-up for: Hawaii Massachusetts Michigan Nevada</i>	<i>Back-up for: D.C. Maine Mississippi Nebraska North Dakota</i>	<i>Back-up for: Alaska Illinois Kentucky Missouri North Carolina</i>	<i>Back-up for: California Connecticut Florida Georgia Kansas</i>

<i>Ohio</i> <i>Texas</i> <i>Washington</i>	<i>Oklahoma</i> <i>Pennsylvania</i> <i>West Virginia</i>		<i>Tennessee</i> <i>Utah</i> <i>Wyoming</i>	<i>Oregon</i> <i>South Dakota</i> <i>Vermont</i>	<i>Maryland</i> <i>New Mexico</i> <i>Rhode Island</i>
--	--	--	---	--	---

ATTENTION: DIANE DUNSTAN

FAX: 303.844.3753

National Drug Rebate Program

Denver, Colorado

September 24 – 26, 2002

I/WE WILL BE ATTENDING THE DRP MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER:

NAME: -----

STATE/LABELER: -----

PHONE: ----- **FAX:** -----

E-MAIL: -----

NAME: -----

STATE/LABELER: -----

PHONE: ----- **FAX:** -----

E-MAIL: -----

NAME: -----

STATE/LABELER: -----

PHONE: ----- **FAX:** -----

E-MAIL: -----

PLEASE PRINT REQUESTED INFORMATION

