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MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM RELEASE #62

For
Participating Drug Manufacturers

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TECHNICAL CONTACTS

Labelers participating in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program are required to supply the name, address and phone number for contacts responsible for Legal, Invoice, and Technical issues. Various correspondence pertaining to a contact's "specialty" is sent to that person (e.g., labeler releases are sent to the Technical contact, states' quarterly invoices are sent to the Invoice contact).

All information from CMS pertaining to labeler product/pricing data is directed to the Technical contact. All questions about maintaining/submitting this data must come (to CMS) from the Technical contact. Unfortunately, we have been getting a tremendous influx of calls regarding product/pricing data from any number of different people from the same labeler. Not only does this cause a large volume of calls, but also causes a great deal of confusion, a lot of duplication, and conflicting data corrections.

To alleviate the problems stated above and the time involved in resolving them, ALL questions, data submissions, and issues dealing with your product/pricing data must come from your Technical contact. If you believe your Technical contact is the wrong person, please complete the contact update form found in Section "M" of your Operations Guide and fax to us immediately.

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM

Effective immediately, any non-state specific Dispute Resolution Program (DRP) questions or issues may be emailed to DRP@cms.hhs.gov. This email address has been established to facilitate only non-state specific DRP questions or issues. All state specific DRP issues should continue to be directed to the Regional Office DRP Team members. A list of contact names may be found on our web page at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/drugs/drpcoor.pdf.

ROSI/PQAS REQUIREMENT

Many labelers are failing to complete the Reconciliation of State Invoice (ROSI) and the Prior Quarter Adjustment Statement (PQAS) as required, resulting in the states' inability to determine the accuracy of rebate payments. CMS, in conjunction with labeler and state representatives, developed the ROSI and the PQAS to improve data exchange between labelers and states and ensure accurate rebate payments. The data required on these forms is approved through the Office of Management and Budget and is mandated by CMS.

Under the provisions of the Medicaid Drug Rebate Agreement, CMS considers the failure to complete and submit the ROSI and PQAS forms a good cause reason for termination from the drug rebate program. We encourage all labelers not using these forms to begin doing so immediately to avoid potential termination.

ATTACHMENT

A copy of the current listing of the 90-day Treasury bill auction rates beginning with the period April 22, 2002, 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.

/s/

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Attachment
cc:

All Regional Administrators
All Associate Regional Administrators, Division of Medicaid

WEEKLY U.S. T-BILL DISCOUNT RATE

weekly 90-day treasury bill auction rates

Date of Auction	Discount Rate
04-22-02	1.720
04-29-02	1.760
05-06-02	1.773
05-13-02	1.781
05-20-02	1.760
05-28-02	1.760
06-03-02	1.752
06-10-02	1.752
06-17-02	1.732
06-24-02	1.712
07-01-02	1.719
07-08-02	1.724
07-15-02	1.712
07-22-02	1.692
07-29-02	1.712
08-05-02	1.627
08-12-02	1.659
08-19-02	1.659
08-26-02	1.661
09-03-02	1.639
09-09-02	1.676
09-16-02	1.692
09-23-02	1.639
09-30-02	1.566
10-07-02	1.615
10-15-02	1.659
10-21-02	1.696
10-28-02	1.578
11-04-02	1.433
11-12-02	1.211

Date of Auction	Discount Rate
11-18-02	1.227
11-25-02	1.228
12-02-02	1.231
12-09-02	1.215
12-16-02	1.219
12-23-02	1.207
12-30-02	1.207
01-06-03	1.207
01-13-03	1.199
01-21-03	1.179
01-27-03	1.159
02-03-03	1.175
02-10-03	1.171
02-18-03	1.179
02-24-03	1.195
03-03-03	1.198
03-10-03	1.077
03-17-03	1.137
03-24-03	1.174
03-31-03	1.121
04-07-03	1.158
04-14-03	1.186
04-21-03	1.182
04-28-03	1.141
05-05-03	1.117
05-12-03	1.089
05-20-03	1.040
05-28-03	1.121
06-02-03	1.133
06-09-03	1.024

Date of Auction	Discount Rate
06-16-03	0.854
06-23-03	0.830
06-30-03	0.903
07-07-03	0.907
07-14-03	0.895
07-21-03	0.911
07-28-03	0.964
08-04-03	0.964
08-11-03	0.960
08-18-03	0.964
08-25-03	0.997
09-02-03	0.988
09-08-03	0.951
09-15-03	0.947
09-22-03	0.953
09-29-03	0.953
10-06-03	0.939
10-14-03	0.923
10-20-03	0.939
10-27-03	0.960
11-03-03	0.960
11-10-03	0.951
11-17-03	0.951
11-24-03	0.946