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MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM

RELEASE #66

For Participating Drug Manufacturers

HEPARIN/SALINE FLUSH SYRINGES & OTHER NON-DRUG PRODUCTS

It has come to our attention that manufacturers continue to report non-drug products to CMS, such as certain heparin/saline flush syringes, for inclusion in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program. It is the manufacturer's responsibility to report information concerning covered outpatient drugs to CMS as defined in section 1927(k) of the Social Security Act and section I of the rebate agreement. Manufacturers that include products other than "covered outpatient drugs" within their submission may be terminated for violation of their rebate agreement, and may be subject to other remedies available to the government.

Please review your drug listing for heparin/saline flush syringes or other products that do not meet the definition of covered outpatient drug. If you have questions or have reported such non-drug products to CMS, please notify a member of the Operations Team (see section O of the Operations Guide for contact information).

TELECOMMUNICATION (STERLING) DATA SUBMITTERS

Effective immediately, if you wish to submit a "test" file to CMS you must send an email to the MDRTECH@cms.hhs.gov box **at least three (3) business days prior** to sending the "test" file. This advance notice will give us time to make the necessary adjustments to accept the file as "test" to prevent any data from becoming part of the active database.

RETIREMENT OF KAY ALEXANDER

Over the past several years, many of you contacted Kay Alexander of our system support group for assistance. She was a great deal of help with the diskette system (labelers) and with the quarterly utilization files (states).

Kay has retired from Federal Service. We ask that you no longer attempt to contact her for help. If you have an operations or a policy issue, please see section “O” of your Operations Guide for assistance on who to contact. If your issue is system related, please submit your inquiry or problem to the system trouble-shooting e-mail address, MDRTECH@cms.hhs.gov. If you’re not sure who should be contacted, call one of the Operations staff for assistance.

UPDATES TO OPERATIONAL TRAINING GUIDE

Attached is revised page M5 of the guide. The page is revised to include the technical contact’s e-mail address and fax number. Also, attached are revised pages O2 and O4. Both pages reflect staff changes and page O2 also corrects the drug rebate website. Please replace these pages in your guide.

A copy of the current listing of the 91-day Treasury bill auction rates beginning with the period June 16, 2003, 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/
Edward C. Gendron
Director
Finance, Systems and Budget Group

4 Attachments

cc:

All Regional Administrators

All Associate Regional Administrators, Division of Medicaid

**MEDICAID DRUG REBATE AGREEMENT
ENCLOSURE B (PAGE 2 OF 3)
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA SHEET**

LABELER CODE (as assigned by FDA)

LABELER NAME (Corporate name associated with labeler code)

TECHNICAL CONTACT – Person responsible for sending and receiving data

NAME OF CONTACT

AREA	PHONE NUMBER	EXTENSION
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FAX #:

EMAIL Address:

NAME OF CORPORATION

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Note: If more than one labeler code, attach one sheet for each code.

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WEEKLY U.S. T-BILL

INVESTMENT RATE

weekly 91-day treasury bill

auction rates

Date of Auction	Invest. Rate	Date of Auction	Invest. Rate	Date of Auction	Invest. Rate
06-16-03	0.854	01-12-04	0.887	08-09-04	1.497
06-23-03	0.830	01-20-04	0.891	08-16-04	1.498
06-30-03	0.903	01-26-04	0.907	08-23-04	1.541
07-07-03	0.907	02-02-04	0.939	08-30-04	1.607
07-14-03	0.895	02-09-04	0.939	09-06-04	1.663
07-21-03	0.911	02-17-04	0.931	09-13-04	1.671
07-28-03	0.964	02-23-04	0.947	09-20-04	1.716
08-04-03	0.964	03-01-04	0.957	09-27-04	1.741
08-11-03	0.960	03-08-04	0.945	10-04-04	1.716
08-18-03	0.964	03-15-04	0.961	10-12-04	1.711
08-25-03	0.997	03-22-04	0.945	10-18-04	1.803
09-02-03	0.988	03-29-04	0.961	10-25-04	1.890
09-08-03	0.951	04-05-04	0.945	11-01-04	1.987
09-15-03	0.947	04-12-04	0.929	11-08-04	2.084
09-22-03	0.953	04-19-04	0.949	11-15-04	2.115
09-29-03	0.953	04-26-04	0.985		
10-06-03	0.939	05-03-04	1.001		
10-14-03	0.923	05-10-04	1.078		
10-20-03	0.939	05-17-04	1.058		
10-27-03	0.960	05-24-04	1.066		
11-03-03	0.960	05-31-04	1.150		
11-10-03	0.951	06-07-04	1.251		
11-17-03	0.951	06-14-04	1.413		
11-24-03	0.946	06-21-04	1.336		
12-01-03	0.943	06-28-04	1.381		
12-08-03	0.915	07-05-04	1.344		
12-15-03	0.903	07-12-04	1.336		
12-22-03	0.884	07-19-04	1.352		
12-29-03	0.901	07-26-04	1.449		
01-05-04	0.939	08-02-04	1.490		