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MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM

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For Participating Drug Manufacturers

CHANGE TO EXPRESS MAIL ADDRESS

The mailstop for express mail delivery to the drug rebate program has changed. Effective immediately, the new mailstop is S3-19-16. A revised page O3 for the operational training guide reflecting this change is attached. Please share this information with the appropriate staff and replace this page in your guide.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES TO OPERATIONAL TRAINING GUIDE

Two additional revised pages to the training guide are attached. Page O2 is revised to delete a policy staff member. A revised page O5 reflects a name and contact information for region V and other phone number changes. Please share this information with the appropriate staff and replace these pages in your guide.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM (DRP) NATIONAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 19-23, 2005----Registration Due by September 2, 2005

We are pleased to announce that the next National DRP Meeting will be held September 19-23 in Baltimore, Maryland. This meeting is a continuation of the highly successful DRP meetings held in Baltimore in recent years. While the last several National DRP meetings have been located at the Tremont Suite Hotel, September's meeting will be held at the Tremont Park Hotel, located at 8 East Pleasant Street.

This meeting is open to all states and manufacturers; however, we strongly encourage those with significant amounts in dispute to attend. As in the past, prior planning is absolutely imperative to the success of these meetings; therefore, we are requesting that you register PROMPTLY by completing and submitting the electronic registration form on our web page at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/drugs/drpmtdgs.asp>. Whenever possible, priority scheduling will be afforded those who register earliest. In addition, your timely responses will help to ensure that an adequate number of DRP staff is available to conduct the meetings.

If possible, states should plan on arriving in time to attend a "state-only" meeting with the CMS DRP Team the morning of Monday, September 19th. Additional meeting details and hotel registration information is provided on the abovementioned DRP web page.

As always, feel free to contact any of the RO DRP Team members for state-specific DRP issues. Any other DRP questions or issues concerning the September meeting may be emailed to DRP@cms.hhs.gov.

REMINDER --- BUYING AND SELLING PRODUCTS

Recently, we have received a large number of questions about buying/selling products. To save time, please be reminded that pages F10a-b, S-L3 and S-L9 of your Operational Training Guide can most likely provide the information you need. These pages contain information regarding who reports product/pricing data, how long to report, etc. Any questions not answered in the guide may be directed to a drug rebate operations staff member.

OTHER ATTACHMENT

A copy of the current listing of the 91-day Treasury bill auction rates beginning with the period January 12, 2004, 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.

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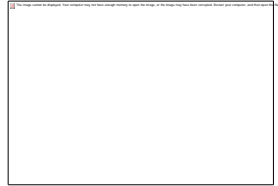
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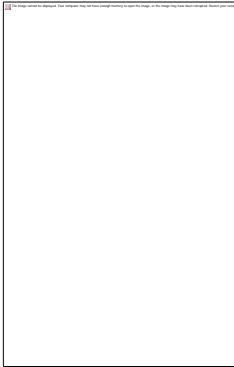


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WEEKLY U.S. T-BILL INVESTMENT RATE
 weekly 91-day treasury bill auction rates

Date of Auction	Invest. Rate	Date of Auction	Invest. Rate	Date of Auction	Invest. Rate
01-12-04	0.887	08-09-04	1.497	03-07-05	2.767
01-20-04	0.891	08-16-04	1.498	03-14-05	2.792
01-26-04	0.907	08-23-04	1.541	03-21-05	2.859
02-02-04	0.939	08-30-04	1.607	03-28-05	2.839
02-09-04	0.939	09-06-04	1.663	04-04-05	2.792
02-17-04	0.931	09-13-04	1.671	04-11-05	2.767
02-23-04	0.947	09-20-04	1.716	04-18-05	2.864
03-01-04	0.957	09-27-04	1.741	04-25-05	2.941
03-08-04	0.945	10-04-04	1.716	05-02-05	2.931
03-15-04	0.961	10-12-04	1.711	05-09-05	2.911
03-22-04	0.945	10-18-04	1.803	05-16-05	2.859
03-29-04	0.961	10-25-04	1.890	05-23-05	2.957
04-05-04	0.945	11-01-04	1.987	05-31-05	2.998
04-12-04	0.929	11-08-04	2.084	06-06-05	3.029
04-19-04	0.949	11-15-04	2.115	06-13-05	3.039
04-26-04	0.985	11-22-04	2.197	06-20-05	3.029
05-03-04	1.001	11-29-04	2.380	06-27-05	3.147
05-10-04	1.078	12-06-04	2.253	07-05-05	3.214
05-17-04	1.058	12-13-04	2.243	07-11-05	3.204
05-24-04	1.066	12-20-04	2.223	07-18-05	3.292
05-31-04	1.150	12-27-04	2.269	07-25-05	3.420
06-07-04	1.251	01-03-05	2.320	08-01-05	3.477
06-14-04	1.413	01-10-05	2.376		
06-21-04	1.336	01-18-05	2.407		
06-28-04	1.381	01-24-05	2.366		
07-05-04	1.344	01-31-05	2.525		
07-12-04	1.336	02-07-05	2.530		
07-19-04	1.352	02-14-05	2.592		
07-26-04	1.449	02-22-05	2.669		
08-02-04	1.490	02-28-05	2.772		

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