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For
Participating Drug Manufacturers



MEDICAID DRUG REBATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM (DRP)
NATIONAL MEETING - APRIL 24-28, 2006
Registration Due by April 7, 2006

We are pleased to announce that the next National DRP Meeting will be held April 24-28 in Baltimore, Maryland at the Tremont Plaza Suite Hotel, 222 St. Paul Place. This meeting is a continuation of the highly successful DRP meetings held in Baltimore in recent years.

While this meeting is open to all states and manufacturers, 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 sending an email to the DRP email address at: drp@cms.hhs.gov.

When registering, please be sure to include the following information: the name, email address and phone number of each individual attending and the manufacturer (including labeler code) or state that you are representing. Also indicate whether you will be attending the entire week or for just part of the week. Partial week attendees should specify on which days they will be attending. In addition, for each day you are participating, please indicate whether you will be attending both morning and afternoon sessions. For example, someone who is attending both sessions on all days of the

conference will indicate that he or she is attending Monday-Friday AM and PM, whereas someone who is only attending the morning sessions on Monday and Tuesday of the conference week will specifically indicate that he or she is attending Monday AM and Tuesday AM only.

Whenever possible, priority scheduling will be afforded those who register earliest. We will ensure that adequate DRP staff is available to conduct the meetings based on your timely responses.

If possible, states should plan on arriving in Baltimore in time to attend a "state-only" meeting with the DRP Team the morning of Monday, April 24. Meeting details and hotel registration information is provided on our web page at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicaidDrugRebateDispR/05_DRPMeetings.asp#TopOfPage

Note: DRP meeting contingent on CMS budget.

NEW WEBPAGE ADDRESS

The Medicaid Drug Rebate Program webpage has been reconstructed and given a new address at www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaiddrugrebateprogram.

ESTABLISHMENT OF EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS

To better serve your needs, CMS has established a new email address for drug rebate operational questions. All drug rebate operational analysts have access to this email box and will retrieve inquiries on a daily basis. Please begin addressing your operational questions to MDROPERATIONS@cms.hhs.gov. Emails to this address will have priority over email and phone inquiries sent to an individual operational analyst's email/voicemail.

ATTACHMENT

A copy of the current listing of the 91-day Treasury bill auction rates beginning with the period August 9, 2004, is attached.

Please direct any drug rebate questions to MDROPERATIONS@cms.hhs.gov.

/s/

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Attachment

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All Regional Administrators

All Associate Regional Administrators, Division of Medicaid

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
08-09-04	1.497	03-07-05	2.767	10-03-05	3.606
08-16-04	1.498	03-14-05	2.792	10-11-05	3.714
08-23-04	1.541	03-21-05	2.859	10-17-05	3.875
08-30-04	1.607	03-28-05	2.839	10-24-05	3.942
09-06-04	1.663	04-04-05	2.792	10-31-05	3.983
09-13-04	1.671	04-11-05	2.767	11-07-05	3.963
09-20-04	1.716	04-18-05	2.864	11-14-05	4.004
09-27-04	1.741	04-25-05	2.941	11-21-05	4.034
10-04-04	1.716	05-02-05	2.931	11-28-05	3.994
10-12-04	1.711	05-09-05	2.911	12-05-05	4.025
10-18-04	1.803	05-16-05	2.859	12-12-05	3.911
10-25-04	1.890	05-23-05	2.957	12-19-05	3.988
11-01-04	1.987	05-31-05	2.998	12-26-05	3.999
11-08-04	2.084	06-06-05	3.029	01-02-06	4.169
11-15-04	2.115	06-13-05	3.039	01-09-06	4.252
11-22-04	2.197	06-20-05	3.029	01-17-06	4.377
11-29-04	2.380	06-27-05	3.147	01-23-06	4.397
12-06-04	2.253	07-05-05	3.214	01-30-06	4.485
12-13-04	2.243	07-11-05	3.204	02-06-06	4.485
12-20-04	2.223	07-18-05	3.292	02-13-06	4.553
12-27-04	2.269	07-25-05	3.420	02-21-06	4.563
01-03-05	2.320	08-01-05	3.477	02-27-06	4.625
01-10-05	2.376	08-08-05	3.539		
01-18-05	2.407	08-15-05	3.549		
01-24-05	2.366	08-22-05	3.539		
01-31-05	2.525	08-29-05	3.575		
02-07-05	2.530	09-06-05	3.513		
02-14-05	2.592	09-12-05	3.529		
02-22-05	2.669	09-19-05	3.575		
02-28-05	2.772	09-26-05	3.518		

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