



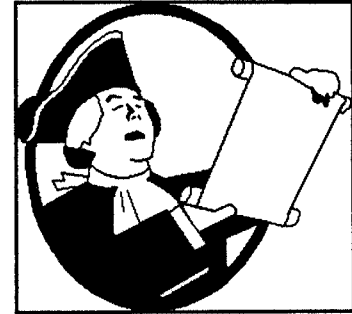
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MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM

Release No. 20

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NOTE TO: All State Medicaid Directors

RECORD DESCRIPTION CHANGE

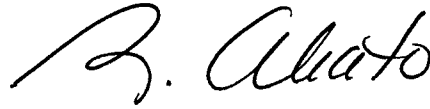
The record specification for the ASCII flat file format included as the attachment with Release Number 19 is incorrect. It was an old record description that did not include the termination date. Please use the attached record specification as the current description for the ASCII flat file. The text file included on the drug manufacturer diskette is not affected.

EFFECTIVE DATE FOR DESI CHANGE

After conferring with State representatives of a special Technical Advisory Group during a teleconference held on May 18, it was agreed that September 1, 1992 will be the effective date for the States to be held accountable for using the new DESI codes to identify less-than-effective drugs. The new DESI codes are included in the pricing data sent to the States for the first quarter of calendar 1992. Any corrections to DESI code values will be reflected in the pricing data tapes for the second quarter of calendar 1992.

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Please continue to contact us by using the Drug Rebate Hotline number at (410) 966-3249.



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Attachment

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All State Technical Contacts

All Regional Administrators

All Associate Regional Administrators for Medicaid

HCFA RECORD SPECIFICATION
MFR INFORMATION
ASCII FLAT FILE FORMAT

REVISED: 2/26/92

<i>Field</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
LABELER CODE	5	1 - 5	
LABELER NAME	39	6 - 44	
EFFECTIVE DATE	6	45 - 50	YYMMDD
TERMINATION DATE	6	51 - 56	YYMMDD
LEGAL CONTACT NAME	39	57 - 95	
LEGAL CORPORATION	39	96 - 134	
LEGAL STREET 1	39	135 - 173	
LEGAL STREET 2	39	174 - 212	
LEGAL STREET 3	39	213 - 251	
LEGAL CITY	27	252 - 278	
LEGAL STATE	2	279 - 280	
LEGAL ZIP	9	281 - 289	
LEGAL PHONE NUMBER	14	290 - 303	
FINANCIAL CONTACT NAME	39	304 - 342	
FINANCIAL CORPORATION	39	343 - 381	
FINANCIAL STREET 1	39	382 - 420	
FINANCIAL STREET 2	39	421 - 459	
FINANCIAL STREET 3	39	460 - 498	
FINANCIAL CITY	27	499 - 525	
FINANCIAL STATE	2	526 - 527	
FINANCIAL ZIP	9	528 - 536	
FINANCIAL PHONE NUMBER	14	537 - 550	
TECHNICAL CONTACT NAME	39	551 - 589	
TECHNICAL CORPORATION	39	590 - 628	
TECHNICAL STREET 1	39	629 - 667	
TECHNICAL STREET 2	39	668 - 706	
TECHNICAL STREET 3	39	707 - 745	
TECHNICAL CITY	27	746 - 772	
TECHNICAL STATE	2	773 - 774	
TECHNICAL ZIP	9	775 - 783	
TECHNICAL PHONE NUMBER	14	784 - 797	
CARRIAGE RETURN/ LINE FEED	1	798 - 798	