

MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM

Release Number 58

\* \* \* IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED \* \* \*

NOTE TO: All State Medicaid Directors

STATE UTILIZATION TAPE SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

Recently, we became aware that utilization data from several States for multiple quarters was submitted to HCFA but not processed because tape label procedures that we published were not followed. Due to the large number of daily data processing operations at HCFA's data center, it is crucial that the tape label naming conventions we specify are followed. If not, your data may not get processed and we will need to request that you re-send the same data to HCFA. Attachment A contains the correct procedures to be utilized. PLEASE SHARE ATTACHMENT A WITH YOUR DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT.

TRINITY TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION (Labeler Code 61355)

Trinity Technologies Corporation (Labeler Code 61355) originally entered into a drug rebate agreement using labeler code 53020 which was terminated on July 1, 1994 for failure to submit pricing data. We have been told that Trinity Technologies Corporation (Labeler Code 53020) went through a Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceeding and is no longer in business.

The new Trinity Technologies Corporation (Labeler Code 61355) signed a drug rebate agreement which was effective January 1, 1995. Since it appears that States were not given adequate notice concerning the bankruptcy of labeler code 53020, States are encouraged to protect their interests as creditors under Federal bankruptcy or other relevant State law provisions and to pursue invoice claims. Additional information on this situation will be shared with States when it is received by HCFA.

NEW LABELERS

The following labelers have entered into drug rebate agreements and will join the rebate program retroactive to January 1, 1996:

Kanetta Pharmacal (Labeler Code 00955),  
Chiron Vision (Labeler Code 61772), and  
Apothecon/Invamed, Inc. (Labeler Code 62269).

The following labeler has entered into a drug rebate agreement and will join the rebate program on April 1, 1996:

Kremers Urban (Labeler Code 62175).

LABELER TERMINATIONS

The following labelers are being terminated effective April 1, 1996 for failure to submit pricing data:

Rexar Pharmacal Corporation (Labeler Codes 00477 and 00478),  
Lange Medical Products, Incorporated (Labeler Code 46716),  
New Life Products Corporation (Labeler Code 58041),  
Dapat, Incorporated (Labeler Code 59154),  
PRN Laboratories, Incorporated (Labeler Code 60459), and  
Flemming Pharmaceuticals, Incorporated (Labeler Code 60976).

OTHER ATTACHMENTS

Copies of the topic index and the latest listing of the 90-day treasury bill auction rates for the period of June 5, 1995 through March 11, 1996 are attached.

Please remember to direct your drug rebate questions to a staff member on the listing we provided with release number 53.

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Medicaid Bureau

3 Attachments

cc:

All State Technical Contacts

All Regional Administrators

All Associate Regional Administrators, Division of Medicaid

ATTACHMENT A

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STATE UTILIZATION TAPE SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

The HCFA tape library receives a large quantity of tapes from many outside sources. To ensure that your tape is received and processed correctly, please follow the checklist below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Is the correct naming convention used for the data set \_\_\_\_\_ on  
tape?

DRUG.REBATE.UQYY.XX  
where Q = QUARTER  
YY = YEAR  
XX = STATE ABBREVIATION  
DO NOT USE FOREIGN.CART.DRQYY.XX or  
FOREIGN.TAPE.DRQYY.XX.

\_\_\_\_\_ Is there an external label on the tape indicating that \_\_\_\_\_ it is  
a drug rebate tape? (A label with a data set \_\_\_\_\_ name containing  
"DRUG.REBATE" will take care of this \_\_\_\_\_ requirement.

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you generate a confirmation letter indicating the file name,  
volume serial number and date the tape was sent? This letter  
should be

sent

to

the

following

address:

Health Care Financing Administration  
Bureau of Data Management and Strategy  
Attention: Dona Coffman  
N2-xx-xx  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you enclose a copy of the confirmation letter with the tape and is it being sent to the correct address? The tape should be sent to the following address:

Health Care Financing Administration  
Bureau of Data Management and Strategy  
Attention: Tape Library  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

\_\_\_\_\_ If you re-used a HCFA tape, YOU MUST REMOVE OR OBLITERATE ALL OF HCFA'S EXTERNAL LABELS AND PLACE A NEW LABEL ON THE TAPE/DATA CARTRIDGE; otherwise, the tape/data cartridge possibly could be returned to blank stock and your data may not get processed.

WE ASK THAT YOU ADJUST YOUR CURRENT PROCESS TO COMPLY WITH THE PRECEDING LIST. IF THESE STANDARDS ARE NOT MET, THE TAPE LIBRARIANS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DETERMINE THAT THESE ARE UTILIZATION TAPES. ALL UNRECOGNIZABLE TAPES/DATA CARTRIDGES ARE ERASED BY HCFA TAPE LIBRARY PERSONNEL AND MADE AVAILABLE FOR RE-USE. Also, see page 3 of Release No.8 (technical requirements for tapes).

If you have any serious problems meeting these requirements, please contact either Trish Bell at (410) 786-0258 or Dona Coffman at (410) 786-0260.

WEEKLY U.S. T-BILL DISCOUNT RATE

The latest weekly 90-day treasury bill auction rates for June 5, 1995 through March 11, 1996 are:

DATE OF AUCTION	TRUE DISCOUNT RATE
06/05/95	5.649
06/12/95	5.744
06/19/95	5.628
06/26/95	5.512
07/03/95	5.702
07/10/95	5.566
07/17/95	5.628
07/24/95	5.640
07/31/95	5.607
08/07/95	5.578
08/14/95	5.587
08/21/95	5.600
08/28/95	5.504
09/05/95	5.463
09/12/95	5.504
09/19/95	5.409
09/25/95	5.293
10/02/95	5.504
10/10/95	5.471
10/16/95	5.483
10/23/95	5.376
10/30/95	5.450
11/06/95	5.525
11/13/95	5.599
11/20/95	5.503
11/27/95	5.438
12/04/95	5.450
12/11/95	5.463
12/18/95	5.306
12/26/95	5.054
01/02/96	5.190
01/09/96	5.178
01/16/96	5.170
01/22/96	5.137
01/29/96	5.157
02/05/96	5.025
02/12/96	4.939
02/20/96	4.918
02/26/96	4.987
03/04/96	5.020
03/11/96	5.081

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