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MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM

Release Number 68

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

NOTE TO: All State Medicaid Directors

ALLSCRIPS PHARMACEUTICALS, INCORPORATED (LABELER CODE 54569)

Allscrips Pharmaceuticals, Incorporated (Labeler Code 54569) has requested that their participation in the drug rebate program be delayed until the calendar quarter beginning October 1, 1997. We are approving their request and advise all states to notify their pharmacy communities of this change.

LIQUIDATION OF TRINITY TECHNOLOGIES (LABELER CODE 61355)

We are in receipt of a letter from Trinity Technologies dated May 21, 1997 in which they advise us that a liquidation order was issued for their corporation by the NBD Bank which was judged to be the holder of a first priority security interest in all of the assets of Trinity. This means that all assets are to be sold and the proceeds paid to NBD Bank. Therefore, it appears that no rebates will be collectible on labeler code 61355. In accordance with section 1927(b)(4)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act, we are terminating the drug rebate agreement for this labeler effective October 1, 1997.

T-BILL RATES - NEW FORMAT

With this release, please note that the T-Bill rates are listed on three pages, 3 columns per page and include rates from the first week of January, 1991 through the present. We have been

emphasizing the fact that, where possible, every attempt should be made to resolve 1991 and 1992 disputes as quickly as possible. To this end, we thought it would be helpful to have every T-Bill rate from the start of the drug rebate program to the present available for quick reference when resolving these disputes and calculating interest. Beginning with the next release, only page 3 will be included. When that is filled up, only page 4 will be included, etc. All T-Bill rates will continue to be included on the Medicaid Drug Rebate portion of the HCFA home page.

LABELER TERMINATIONS

The following labeler is being terminated effective July 1, 1997 for failure to submit pricing data:

Amca Pharmaceutical Co. Incorporated (Labeler Code 62201).

NEW LABELERS

The following labelers have entered into drug rebate agreements and will join the rebate program on July 1, 1997:

Glenwood (Labeler Code 00516);

Guy & O'Neill, Inc. (Labeler Code 50862);

Interferon Sciences Inc. (Labeler Code 54746);

Ascent Pediatrics Inc. (Labeler Code 59439);

Kos Pharms (Labeler Code 60598); and

Genesis Products, Inc. (Labeler Code 62346).

The following labeler has entered into a drug rebate agreement and will join the rebate program on October 1, 1997:

Sage Pharmaceuticals Inc. (Labeler Code 59243).

DRUG LABELER REINSTATEMENT

Dunhall Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Labeler Code 00217) has submitted missing drug prices for all quarters and signed a new rebate agreement. Their next period of participation in the drug rebate program will begin on July 1, 1997.

ATTACHMENTS

Copies of the topic index and the complete listing of the 90-day treasury bill auction rates for the period of January 7, 1991 through the present are 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 or in State release #53.

/s/

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2 Attachments

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