DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Health Care Financing Administration

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MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM

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TODAY'S NEWS for State Medicaid Directors

DISPUTE RESOLUTION NATIONAL MEETINGS

There are still a few slots remaining for both the June and September DRP national meetings for both states and labelers. Anyone interested, please complete the attached DRP form and FAX to Diane Dunstan. Please do this as soon as possible as the meetings are filling up quickly.

NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER FOR DENVER DRP COORDINATOR

The Denver Regional Office has relocated, effective the week of April 26. Here is the updated mailing information on the Denver DRP coordinator, Diane Dunstan.

Diane Dunstan HCFA/Drug Rebate Colorado State Bank Building 1600 Broadway, Suite 700 Denver, CO 80202

Phone: (303) 844-7040 FAX: (303) 844-3753 (unchanged)

REINSTATED LABELER

Dermarite Industries LLC (Labeler Code 61924) has submitted missing drug prices for all quarters and signed a new rebate agreement. They will be reinstated in the drug rebate program effective July 1, 1999.

NEW LABELERS

The following labelers have entered into drug rebate agreements and are joining the rebate program effective July 1, 1999:

Geritrex Corporation (Labeler Code 54162); Ligand Pharmaceuticals (Labeler Code 64365); Integrity Pharmaceutical Corporation (Labeler Code 64731); and Algos Pharmaceutical Corporation (Labeler Code 64813).

The following labeler has entered into a drug rebate agreement and is joining the rebate program effective October 1, 1999:

Imiren Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Labeler Code 61808).

TERMINATED LABELERS

The following labelers are being terminated effective July 1, 1999:

Dunhall Pharmaceuticals (Labeler Code 00217); Crandall Associate, Incorporated (Labeler Code 00392); Remedy Makers (Labeler Code 10191); Alra Laboratories, Incorporated (Labeler Code 51641); Advanced Remedies, Incorporated (Labeler Code 57685); Optimum Pharmaceuticals LLC (Labeler Code 61298); Brightstone Pharma, Incorporated (Labeler Code 62939); and National Vitamin Company (Labeler Code 79854).

OTHER ATTACHMENTS

A copy of the topic index and a current listing of the 90-day treasury bill auction rates beginning with the period September 15, 1997 are attached.

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Please remember to direct your drug rebate questions to a staff member listed in section "O" of the <u>Medicaid Drug Rebate Operational Training Guide</u>.

/s/

Sally K. Richardson Director

3 Attachments

cc: All State Drug Rebate Technical Contacts All Regional Administrators All Associate Regional Administrators, Division of Medicaid