

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM RELEASE #95

For State Medicaid Directors

***** IMPORTANT NOTICE *****

DISPUTE RESOLUTION NATIONAL MEETINGS

FY2000 SCHEDULE

As promised, here is the schedule for the National DRP meetings to be held during the year 2000. These meetings will all be held in Denver and coordinated through our National DRP Regional Coordinator, Diane Dunstan. They are a continuation of the highly successful national meetings held in Denver since 1998. Attached is a form that **SHOULD** be completed and faxed to Diane ASAP if you *are planning or would like to plan* to attend any or all of these meetings. Please read the form, compare the meeting dates to your schedule and fill out the form based on your needs for meeting states/labelers on a one-on-one basis. These meetings are open to ALL states and labelers.

Those who have attended any of our previous National meetings know about the overwhelming enthusiastic support given to this effort by the Denver Regional Office (RO) leadership. Last year, the Denver RO was responsible for acquiring the meeting rooms at the Holtze Executive Place Hotel in downtown Denver. There is enough room at this site that, during the September meetings there were times when 6 meetings were being held simultaneously. Overall, these meetings were the most successful to date with over \$11 million in checks presented to States and nearly \$50 million in disputes resolved.

Due to limited time and travel resources that we all face, it is strongly suggested that states and labelers plan on attending as many of these National meetings as possible. ***It is in Denver where we concentrate our DRP efforts and where we provide experienced and effective HCFA support staff from Central Office, as well as the Denver, Dallas and Chicago ROs. To avoid any scheduling conflicts or other problems, please make the Denver meetings your highest DRP priority.***

Please remember that it is much easier to schedule to be at a meeting and to cancel out at the last minute than it is to wait until the last minute to try to get flights and hotel accommodations. By filling out the attached form and faxing it to Diane as soon as possible, it will make her job of contacting each of you, telling you which states/labelers you can expect to meet with, much easier and will guarantee you a spot at the meetings. There were several states and labelers that were turned down for meetings last year, as there was just no space available left to accommodate them. **DON=T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU.** There were also several states and labelers that had to scurry around for accommodations that were not very convenient to the meeting location. After you complete the form and fax it to Diane, she will contact you with information about the best and most convenient hotel accommodations in and around Denver and information as to where the meetings will be held, in case you are not staying at the Holtze. **Again, it is imperative that you get your reservations made early!!! Even reservations for next September=s meetings can be made now.**

Diane=s phone, fax and e-mail are all listed on the attached form. If need be, you can also contact Mike Keogh, Vince Powell or Tami Bruce at HCFA Central Office using the following:

Name Phone FAX E-mail

Mike Keogh (410) 786-5910 (410) 786-8534 Mkeogh1@hcfa.gov

Vince Powell (410) 786-3314 (410) 768-0390 Vpowell@hcfa.gov

Tami Bruce (410) 786-1519 (410) 786-0390 Tbruce@hcfa.gov

NEW LABELERS

The following labelers have entered into drug rebate agreements and are joining the rebate program effective January 1, 2000.

Trigen Laboratories, Inc. (Labeler Code 59746);

Adams Laboratories (Labeler Code 63824);

Cebert Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Labeler Code 64019);

Women's Capital Corporation (Labeler Code 64836);

Bone Care International, Inc. (Labeler Code 64894); and

Zyber Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Labeler Code 65224).

Contact information for new labelers is attached for your convenience.

TERMINATED LABELERS

The following labelers are being terminated effective January 1, 2000:

Consolidated Pharmaceutical Group, Inc. (Labeler Code 61423); and

York-Koller, Inc. (Labeler Code 64356).

The following labelers are being voluntarily terminated effective January 1, 2000:

Scherer Laboratories, Inc. (Labeler Code 00274);

American Pharmacal, Inc. (Labeler Code 00353);

York Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Labeler Code 11441); and

Innecare (Labeler Code 53723).

OTHER ATTACHMENTS

A copy of the topic index and a current listing of the 90-day treasury bill auction rates beginning with the period April 13, 1998, 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.

Timothy M. Westmoreland

Director

4 Attachments

cc:

All State Drug Rebate Technical Contacts

All Regional Administrators

All Associate Regional Administrators, Division of Medicaid

Drug Rebate
Program

Dispute Resolution Project (DRP)

2000 National Meetings

Please check ANY and ALL dates you would like to attend the 2000 National DRP meetings, which will be held in Denver, Colorado. **Please FAX your completed form to Diane Dunstan at 303.844.3753.**

I would be interested in attending the DRP meetings during the following weeks:

Date: March 6 to 10 _____

Date: June 5 to 9 _____

Date: Sept 18 to 22 _____

Name: _____ State or Manufacturer Name: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address:

I would like to meet with the following States or Manufacturers:

If you have any questions please contact Diane Dunstan at 303.844.7040 or e-mail at ddunstan@hcfa.gov. Please print and fill out the form completely.