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MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM

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For State Medicaid Directors

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DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM WEB PAGE

We have established a web site for the Dispute Resolution Program (DRP). This site is intended to assist both new, as well as experienced CMS, state Medicaid program and manufacturers staff to navigate the often complex task of resolving Medicaid drug rebate disputes. This site provides background information on the DRP, historical information on the DRP and the Medicaid drug rebate program, the DRP national meetings and the DRP regional office (RO) coordinators contact list. The site may be found at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/drugs/drphmpg.asp>

In the near future this site will contain DRP best practices, frequently asked questions and answers and a compilation based on our experiences and “lessons learned” through the DRP. It is intended to be a valuable resource for all participants in the program.

UPDATES TO THE OPERATIONAL TRAINING GUIDE

Attached are updated pages O2 and O4 through O7 to the Medicaid Drug Rebate Operational Training Guide. Please share the updates with all staff involved in the program and replace these pages in your guide.

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NEW LABELERS

<u>Labeler Name/Labeler Code</u>	<u>Mandatory Coverage Date</u>	<u>Optional Coverage Date</u>
Medicine Shoppe Int'l. (Labeler Code 49614)	07/01/2003	03/10/2003
Cura Pharmaceutical Co., Inc. (Labeler Code 66860)	07/01/2003	03/04/2003
Auxilium Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Labeler Code 66887)	07/01/2003	04/07/2003
Aber Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Labeler Code 67523)	07/01/2003	03/20/2003
Reddy Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Labeler Code 67857)	04/01/2003	03/27/2003
Axiom Pharmaceutical Corporation (Labeler Code 67870)	07/01/2003	04/09/2003

Contact information for the new labelers is attached for your convenience.

TERMINATED LABELERS

The following labeler codes are being voluntarily terminated effective July 1, 2003:

Leader (Labeler Codes 08881, 36652 and 56151);
 Guy & O'Neill (Labeler Code 50862);
 NexStar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Labeler Code 56146);
 Sequus Pharmaceuticals (Labeler Code 61471); and
 American Pharmaceutical Partners, Inc. (Labeler Code 65219).

The following labeler codes are being terminated effective July 1, 2003:

Miza Pharmaceuticals (Labeler Code 52238).
 Vitaline Corporation (Labeler Code 54022);
 Pharmacists Choice (Labeler Code 54979);
 American Generics, Inc. (Labeler Code 58634); and
 Link Pharmaceutical (Labeler Code 65772).

OTHER ATTACHMENT

A copy of the current listing of the 90-day treasury bill auction rates beginning with the period September 24, 2001, is 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.

/S/

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2 Attachments

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All State Drug Rebate Technical Contacts

All Regional Administrators