Subject: (States) Upcoming Changes to Various Medicaid Drug Rebate Program (MDRP)-Related File Formats
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CMS-R-144 Data Definitions.pdf
ROSI Electronic Format for CMS-304.pdf
Instructions for CMS-304 ROSI.pdf
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Instructions for CMS-304a POAS.pdf
Quarterly Rebate File for MDP.pdf
Quarterly UROA File for MDP.pdf
Importance: High

Dear State Technical Contact:

As you know, over the last few years, several high cost drugs have been introduced to the market. Due to field size limitations on existing MDRP-related file formats (e.g., the State Invoice, the Reconciliation of State Invoice (ROSI), the Prior Quarter Adjustment Statement (PQAS), etc.), these drugs have been excluded from standard MDRP data transmissions, and handled via alternative, manual processes instead. For example, rather than being transmitted as part of the standard quarterly rebate files, the Unit Rebate Amounts (URAs) and Unit Rebate Offset Amounts (UROAs) for these drugs have been added to supplemental URA/UROA files that are manually created each quarter and then posted in the Drug Data Reporting for Medicaid (DDR) system.

Concurrent to this rise in the number of high cost drugs, CMS has been building a new system, the Medicaid Drug Programs (MDP) system, which will contain modules for several Medicaid pharmacy programs, including the MDRP. In response to numerous requests to address the field length problem imposed by the rise in the number of high cost drugs, CMS has incorporated increased field lengths for all pricing, dollar, and unit values within MDP. Further, to ensure consistency between MDP and the file formats that are regularly utilized as part of the MDRP data transmission process, CMS has also revised those file formats accordingly. In addition to the increased field sizes, some of the file formats (e.g., the ROSI and PQAS) are also being modified to streamline and modernize the data fields included on the forms.

At this time, we do not have a definitive implementation date for either the new MDP system or the revised file formats; however, implementation of both could occur as early as January 2021. Therefore, to provide the states with as much time as possible to incorporate these changes into their Medicaid pharmacy systems, we are attaching DRAFT copies of the following revised file formats and associated data definitions:

- CMS R-144 File Format (i.e., the State Invoice and State Drug Utilization Data File Format)

- CMS-R-144 Data Definitions
- CMS-304 File Format (i.e., the ROSI File Format)
- CMS-304 Data Definitions
- CMS-304a File Format (i.e., the PQAS File Format)
- CMS-304a Data Definitions
- Quarterly URA File Format
- Quarterly URA Data Definitions
- Quarterly UROA File Format
- Quarterly UROA Data Definitions

As we move closer to the implementation of MDP, we will provide additional communications regarding the new system and the revised file formats. In the meantime, we strongly encourage you to begin planning for any updates that may be necessary to your Medicaid pharmacy systems in order to accommodate the attached changes as early as January 1, 2021. To that end, please feel free to share this communication with your fiscal intermediary, as appropriate.

Please direct any questions regarding MDP or the revised file formats to MDROperations@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,
CMS MDR Operations