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MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM Release No. 5

NOTE TO: All State Medicaid Directors

* * * * IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED * * * *

We are mailing a diskette to the person identified as your technical contact for the Drug Rebate Program. The diskette contains an abbreviated listing of acceptable drug product information that we added to our data base through the close of business on April 24, 1991. A record layout accompanies the diskette.



We emphasize that this is a preliminary list. It is based upon baseline data we have received to date from participating manufacturers, and is far from complete. We are sending it to you at this time because we want you to know as early as possible the Unit Type definition we will use for each National Drug Code (NDC). Your State is probably using a different unit type definition for certain NDCs. For example, pharmacies may bill you for each of a given drug product, whereas HCFA will define the unit rebate amount for that product in terms of milligrams or milliliters.

Our diskette contains the National Drug Code, an abbreviated drug product name, and the unit type (ML, SUP, TAB, etc.) reported by the drug labeler. Your staff can use it to identify NDCs for which unit type conversions will be necessary. We will send you in May the complete list of NDCs and related data for the labelers included on the diskette we sent you on March 15. We will later send you a supplemental list for additional manufacturers who submit rebate agreements up through April 30, 1991, effective January 1, 1991.

Please continue to refer your questions to us by calling the Drug Rebate Hotline at (301) 966-3249.

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for

2 Enclosures (State Technical Contacts only)

cc: State Technical Contacts

**HCFA RECORD SPECIFICATIONS
MEDICAID DRUG REBATE DATA
RECORD FORMAT**

SOURCE: HCFA

TARGET: STATE AGENCIES

FIELD	SIZE	POSITION	REMARKS
LABELER CODE	5	1-5	NDC #1
PRODUCT CODE	4	6-9	NDC #2
PACKAGE SIZE CODE	2	10-11	NDC #3
FDA REG NAME (1ST 10)	10	12-21	1ST 10 OF FDA NAME
UNIT TYPE	3	22-24	PER DATA DICTIONARY
FILLER	2	25-26	BLANK