



Drug Rebate Newsletter

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California Medicaid Claims Now Available Through the Electronic Interface System

Background:

California's Medicaid rebate program has implemented an Electronic Interface System (EIS). This system allows subscribing manufacturers to retrieve their paid claims used to create an invoice.



Questions and Answers:

Q: Is there a cost to retrieve my claims?

A: No. It is free.

Q: Is there a limit to the number of claims I can retrieve?

A: Claims are related to the quarterly invoices and are restricted to the specific labeler's invoice, year and quarter for which the claims are being requested. The limit is restricted to the invoiced years and quarters submitted to each labeler.

Q: Can I retrieve claims for prior quarters and years?

A: Yes. All labeler invoiced claims from 1st Quarter 1991 to the present are available for retrieval.

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Important Dates to Remember

April 8, 2009 (Estimated)
2008Q4 Payment Due

May 1, 2009
2009Q1 AMP data due to CMS and DHCS

Questions and Answers (continued):

Q: Will the number of claims I retrieve match the number of claims on the paper invoice?

A: For Invoices generated for 4th quarter 2001 and forward, the invoiced claims will represent what is invoiced on a quarterly basis along with any prior period adjustments which is reflected on the Outstanding Invoice that is enclosed with the current quarter invoice.

Prior to 4th quarter 2001, the rebate system did not perform prior period adjustments. However, upon implementation of the new system in February of 2002, all claims were adjusted to reflect the appropriate year and quarter for which they were paid. Therefore, the earlier years of the rebate program, more claims would be retrieved than appear on an invoice due to prior period adjustments that have been made or corrected.

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Questions?

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