

**Special Open Door Forum on the
Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 - Provisions Affecting Medicaid Prescription Drugs
and the Drug Rebate Program**

Friday, June 9, 2006
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

(CONFERENCE CALL ONLY)

This session will present an opportunity for states, drug manufacturers, physicians, pharmacists, trade associations and organizations to present issues to CMS regarding the pharmacy-related provisions of the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA). Sections 6001, 6002 and 6003 of the DRA made significant changes to sections 1903 and 1927 of the Social Security Act, affecting the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program and Medicaid prescription drug policy including:

- Revision of the formula used to set Federal upper limits for multiple source drugs;
- Major modifications to the average manufacturer price (AMP) reporting and confidentiality requirements,
- New requirements regarding State collection of National Drug Codes (NDCs) for physician-administered drugs for the purpose of collecting rebates.

Interested parties may call in to comment informally on the provisions by phone. CMS intends to publish regulations in the Federal Register to implement these provisions. Only comments submitted during the comment period for these regulations will be considered during the regulation's public comment period.

We look forward to your participation.

Open Door Participation Instructions:

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