



**BLUE BOOK AWP
TO CHANGE**

First DataBank (FDB) will be adjusting its procedure for reporting Blue Book AWP's (BBAWP's) effective September 26, 2009.

According to the terms of the Final Order and Judgment entered by the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts approving the settlement of the case New England Carpenters Health Benefits Fund, et al., v. First DataBank, Inc. and McKesson Corporation, FDB will adjust its reporting of BBAWP for approximately 1,400 NDCs by reducing the mark-up factor utilized in connection with the calculation of BBAWP data field to 1.2 times the Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) or Direct Price for those NDCs whose Blue Book AWP's are derived on a mark-up basis.

Also as previously announced, independent of the settlement and on the same schedule as the Blue Book AWP adjustment noted above, First DataBank will apply the same 1.2 mark-up factor to all other NDCs whose Blue Book AWP is set based upon a mark-up to Wholesale Acquisition Cost or Direct Price in excess of 1.20. These changes will all become effective Saturday, September 26, 2009.

COMMENTS: (1) Make sure that regardless of your AWP discount pre and post 9/26/09 that you are still kept whole; namely, you will pay the same drug cost regardless of the AWP discount. (2) Make sure that no changes can be made to your contract without your consent. (3) Make sure that you have examples of your drug cost pre and post by NDC for validation of the contract. AND (4) Tie your AWP to the manufacturer published AWP so that you do not continue to pay on inflated costs. Remember that no one is going to compensate you for past losses, so ensure that the future is safe.

**DRUGS DROPPED FROM PART D FORMULARY
12/31/08 – PART 1**

Drug Name	THESE NDCs ONLY
BEXXAR CON 14MG/ML (Tositumomab)	00007326036
CORDRAN 0.05% OINTMENT (Flurandrenolide)	55515002660
ESCLIM 0.025MG PATCH (Estradiol)	64248031001
ESCLIM 0.0375MG PATCH (Estradiol)	64248032001
ESCLIM 0.05MG PATCH (Estradiol)	64248033001
ESCLIM 0.075MG PATCH (Estradiol)	64248034001
ESCLIM 0.1MG PATCH (Estradiol)	64248035001
ETHMOZINE 200MG TAB (Moricizine)	54092004601
ETHMOZINE 250MG TAB (Moricizine)	54092004701
ETHMOZINE 300MG TAB (Moricizine)	54092004801
HUMATIN 250MG CAP (Paromomycin Sulfate)	61570052910
LEVULAN KERASTICK TOPICAL SOL 20% 1 STICK BOX (Aminolevulinic Acid HCl For)	67308010101
NEUPRO ROTIGOTINE 2MG/24HR PATCH (Rotigotine)	00091648601
NEUPRO ROTIGOTINE 4MG/24HR PATCH (Rotigotine)	00091648701
NEUPRO ROTIGOTINE 6MG/24HR PATCH (Rotigotine)	00091648801
ORTHO TRI CYCLEN LO 28 TAB (Norgestimate-Eth Estrad)	00062125120
PHENAZOPYRIDINE HCL 200MG TAB (Phenazopyridine)	66424004501

COMMENTS: Medicare recipients who have used their Part D drug coverage to pay for the above prescriptions in 2008 will realize that they are now being charged for the full drug cost by the pharmacy. Monitor your invoices and update your formularies to ensure that patients are paying their fair share as Medicare will no longer provide disbursements for the above drugs. These drugs were removed from the Medicare Part D formulary as of 12/31/2008.

**CHECK YOUR PHARMACY INVOICES
LIKE YOU CHECK YOUR
SUPPLY INVOICES**

Ensure that your AWP's are not increasing your cost after 9/26/09!

Invoices for payments to PBMs and Health Plans for prescriptions filled by their network pharmacies (both retail and mail), should be checked – the same way one would check a grocery or restaurant receipt.

The assumption that electronic claim adjudication is without errors can be dangerous for both medical and pharmacy claims. Pro Pharma's experience indicates that

DRUGS THAT LOST PATENT PROTECTION

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BRAND NAME	GENERIC NAME	INDICATION
OPTIMARK	gadoversetamide	MRI Contrast
PAXIL CR	paroxetine hydrochloride	Anti-depressant

COMMENT: Check your formularies to ensure that patients are paying generic copays for these drugs.

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at least 5-7% of all paid drug claims are incorrect. Prime areas for errors are eligibility, pricing, claim validity, payments for benefit exclusions, etc.

Pro Pharma's Invoice Screening™ tool analyzes pharmacy invoices within 72 hours to validate invoices prior to payment.



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