

Subject: Notification of Change in DESI Code

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TO: Medicaid Drug Rebate State Technical Contacts

FROM: CMS, Medicaid Drug Rebate Operations

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The following product was reported by the labeler with a DESI code of 2 (i.e., rebate- eligible); however, the FDA has determined that the drug is subject to DESI 8656, dated 07/01/1988, 53FR 25013 and subject to a NOOH. Therefore, the appropriate DESI code for this product is a code of 5 (i.e., less than effective/IRS drug for all indications):

00496-0829 ANALPRAM LOTION 2.5%

As a result, this drug is no longer eligible for coverage under the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program. **Consequently, as of the date of this notice, you should update the DESI code for this NDC in your Medicaid Drug Rebate systems.** The labeler of this product is responsible for paying rebates on this NDC that was dispensed on or prior to the date of this notice. In addition, please note that CMS' third quarter 2009 tape to states will be the last quarterly tape that will include this NDC with a DESI code of 2 in order to facilitate rebate billing for any utilization that occurred in good faith on or prior to the date of this notice. Beginning with the fourth quarter 2009 tape, the updated DESI Code status will be reflected.

cc: First Data Bank
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