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Date: December 6, 2011
To: Medicaid Drug Rebate State Technical Contacts
From: CMS Medicaid Drug Rebate Operations
Subject: **NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES IN DESI CODE**

The following products were reported by the labelers with a DESI code 5 (i.e., less than effective/IRS drug for all indications); however, the FDA has determined that the appropriate DESI code for the drugs is a code of 2 (i.e., safe and effective):

000574-0159 Opium Tincture, USP (Deodorized)

62559-0153 Opium Tincture, USP (Deodorized)

As a result, these drugs are eligible for coverage under the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program. **Consequently, you should update the DESI code of each of these NDCs in your Medicaid Drug Rebate systems.**

cc: First Data Bank
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