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## Mandatory POS

It will be mandatory that all pharmacy providers submit claims on-line POS using NCPDP Version 3.2, **effective August 1, 2001**. The only exceptions from this requirement will be claims over \$1000, compounded prescriptions and claims that require diagnosis to be sent in on the manual claim form. It would be in the best interest of the pharmacists to start submitting claims on-line POS as soon as possible rather than be caught in a rush to meet the deadline.

On-line processing automatically performs eligibility verification, drug validation, pricing, edits and audits followed by prospective drug utilization review before the drug is dispensed. On-line claims send back immediate assurance of the amount to be paid for the prescription on the next Medicaid check-write.

On-line processing will be available from 8am to 11pm Monday through Saturday and 10am through 7pm on Sundays. On-line claims may be submitted or reversed up to 6 months after the Date of Service. Older claims may be submitted on paper, diskette or modem.

The POS Help Desk is available on weekdays from 8:30 to 5:00 and can be reached at (919) 233-6846. This line should be reserved for technical questions only. All General Medicaid pharmacy questions should be directed to NC Medicaid Provider Services at (919) 851-8888 or 1 (800) 688-6696, which is available from 8:30 to 4:30 on weekdays.

The vendors listed below have been certified with EDS, Fiscal Agent for North Carolina Medicaid, for POS transactions:

<b>National Data Corporation</b>	<b>1-800-388-2316</b>
<b>Healtheon/WebMD</b>	<b>1-330-425-3241</b>
<b>Envoy Corporation</b>	<b>1-800-366-5716</b>
<b>QS/1</b>	<b>1-800-845-7558</b>

The processing fee will be lowered from \$.095 to \$.075 per paid claim on August 1, 2001.

## Changes in Drug Rebate Manufacturers

The following changes are being made in manufacturers with drug rebate agreements. They are listed by Manufacturer code, the first five digits of the NDC.

### Additions

The following labeler has entered into a drug rebate agreement and joined the drug rebate program effective on the dates indicated below:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Manufacturer</i>	<i>Date</i>
65293	The Medicines Company	02/22/2001

### Deletions

The following labeler is being terminated effective April 1, 2001

Medical Resources, Inc. (Labeler Code 64065).

The following labeler is being voluntarily terminated effective April 1, 2001:

Fujisawa (Labeler Code 57317)



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**Checkwrite Schedule**

April 10, 2001	May 8, 2001	June 12, 2001
April 17, 2001	May 15, 2001	June 19, 2001
April 26, 2001	May 22, 2001	June 28, 2001
	May 31, 2001	

**Electronic Cut-Off Schedule**

April 6, 2001	May 4, 2001	June 8, 2001
April 12, 2001	May 11, 2001	June 15, 2001
April 20, 2001	May 18, 2001	June 22, 2001
	May 25, 2001	

*Electronic claims must be transmitted and completed by 5:00 p.m. on the cut-off date to be included in the next checkwrite. Any claims transmitted after 5:00 p.m. will be processed on the second checkwrite following the transmission date.*

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