Manufacturer Discount Program Labeler Code README File

Purpose of File: This file is provided for use by Part D sponsors, manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers, and pharmacies as part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Part D Manufacturer Discount Program, which begins on January 1, 2025. Under the Manufacturer Discount Program, Medicare Part D only covers brand-name drugs and biologics with a labeler code that is covered by a Manufacturer Discount Program agreement. This file contains all such labeler codes for the relevant time period.

Description of File: The file is provided in MS Excel, CSV, and Text formats in a zip file on the Part D Information for Pharmaceutical Manufacturers webpage on cms.gov (https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coverage/prescription-drug-coverage/part-d-information-pharmaceutical-manufacturers). The file is provided in CSV format only in the Drug Manufacturer Management Module of the Health Plan Management System (see the About Downloading to CSV section below for more information). The fields contained in the file are defined as follows:

P Number: The unique number assigned to the manufacturer by CMS.

Manufacturer Name: The name of the manufacturer who signed a Manufacturer Discount Program agreement.

Labeler Code: The first 5 digits in the 11-digit national drug code (NDC) format that is assigned to the manufacturer by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA). A labeler code may be listed even if the manufacturer does not currently have any FDA-approved or brand-name drugs products on the market.

Labeler Code Firm Name: The firm name identified either on the FDA website or by the manufacturer. When the firm name differs between the FDA website and the manufacturer, CMS defers to the FDA website listing.

Date Labeler Code Added: The date the labeler code was first covered under a Coverage Gap Discount Program agreement or a Manufacturer Discount Program agreement. This field includes dates prior to the start of the Manufacturer Discount Program on January 1, 2025 for labeler codes that were previously covered under a Coverage Gap Discount Program agreement. Labeler codes displaying a Date Added prior to January 1, 2025 are first covered under the Manufacturer Discount Program on January 1, 2025.

Labeler Code Effective Date: The date the identified manufacturer became responsible for paying discounts for the relevant labeler code. This field includes dates prior to the start of the Manufacturer Discount Program on January 1, 2025 for labeler codes that were previously covered under a Coverage Gap Discount Program agreement. Labeler codes displaying an Effective Date prior to January 1, 2025 are effective under the Manufacturer Discount Program as of January 1, 2025.

Labeler Code Termination Date: The date that the labeler code is no longer covered under the Manufacturer Discount Program. This field is only populated when the labeler code is no longer covered by any Manufacturer Discount Program agreement. The Labeler Code Termination Date is populated on the monthly file for the month in which the termination occurs, and the labeler code is removed from the file in subsequent months (e.g., for a labeler code terminating on March 1, 2025, the March 2025 file will include the labeler code with the termination date, and the entry for that labeler code will be removed entirely starting with the April 2025 file).

Phase-In Eligibility: Identification of the current discount phase-in eligibility status of the relevant labeler code.

ABOUT DOWNLOADING TO CSV

You can open .csv files in various applications such as Notepad and Excel. Generally, text editors such as Notepad display .csv files without applying auto-formatting. When Excel opens a .csv file, it uses the default data format settings which may alter the display of the source data in the file, such as removing leading zeros in numbers like labeler codes.

If you prefer to use Excel, there are various options to retain the intended data format, including using the Excel text import wizard or importing a text file by connecting to it and transforming.
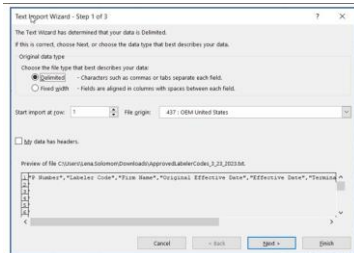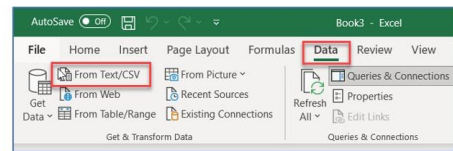

Figure 28: Import CSV to Excel from a wizard

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