ReadMe: Manufacturer Discount Program Phase-In Eligible NDC-9 List (NDC List)

Purpose of File: This file is provided for use by Part D sponsors, manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers, and pharmacies as part of the CMS Part D Manufacturer Discount Program (Discount Program). Section 1860D-14C of the Social Security Act provides for lower applicable discounts for certain manufacturers' applicable drugs marketed as of August 16, 2022, during a multi-year phase-in period which begins in 2025 and concludes in 2031. Contained in this file are the 9-digit National Drug Codes (NDC-9s) that are eligible for a Discount Program phase-in and their relevant phase-in status. Inclusion of an NDC-9 on the list means that the drug is eligible for phase-in when covered under Part D; it does not constitute a coverage determination or supersede any relevant Medicare or plan coverage criteria.

Description of File: The file is provided in Microsoft Excel, comma-separated values (CSV), and tab-delimited text formats in a zip file on the Part D Manufacturer Information page on cms.gov: https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coverage/prescription-drug-coverage/part-d-information-pharmaceutical-manufacturers. The fields are defined as follows:

NDC9: NDC-9 for each phase-in eligible drug.

Phase-In Eligibility: Identification of the relevant phase-in eligibility for the NDC-9 during the time period specified in the *Phase-In Eligibility Start Date* and, if applicable, the *Phase-In Eligibility End Date* fields.

Phase-In Eligibility Start Date: Represents the date the identified NDC-9 becomes eligible for the phase-in specified in the *Phase-In Eligibility* field.

Phase-In Eligibility End Date: Represents the date the identified NDC-9 is no longer eligible for the applicable phase-in identified in the *Phase-In Eligibility* field. Blank values denote that the phase-in eligibility remains in effect at the time of the file release.

Record Insert Date: Represents the date that the row first appeared in this table.

Record Update Date: Represents the last date that the row was updated.

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.
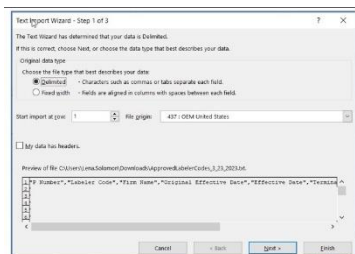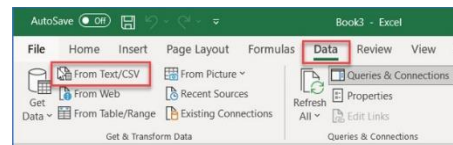

Figure 1: Import CSV to Excel from a wizard

Figure 2: Import CSV to Excel

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