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to the Joint Standing Committee
on Health & Human Services

Maine RX Program

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The Honorable Susan Longley, Senate Chair
The Honorable Thomas J. Kane, House Chair
Members of Health and Human Services Committee

Dear Committee Chairs and Members:

I am pleased to provide for review a copy of the Maine Department of Human Services' Maine Rx Program Report, as required by M.R.S.A. 22, §2681.

As the enclosed report demonstrates, we, together with our partners at the Bureau of Medical Services, remain committed to assisting the citizens of Maine in accessing affordable prescription drugs.

Respectfully submitted;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Marvin".

John Marvin
Chair, Prescription Drug Advisory Commission

Cc: Kevin W. Concannon, Commissioner, Department of Human Services
Eugene I. Gessow, Director, Bureau of Medical Services



**MAINE RX PROGRAM
FIRST ANNUAL REPORT**

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Background

In May 2000, Public Law 1999, Chapter 786, An Act to Establish Fairer Pricing for Prescriptions Drugs was passed. This Law established the Maine Rx Program and delegated the responsibility for administration of the program to the Department of Human Services. The Legislature found that affordability was critical in providing access to prescription drugs for Maine residents. The goal of the program is to provide immediate relief from the high cost of prescription drugs and to establish a formal process to negotiate the high cost of prescription drugs down to an affordable and accessible level.

The plan was to utilize manufacturer rebates and pharmacy discounts to reduce prescription drug prices. The State was designated to serve as a pharmacy benefit manager for an estimated 325,000 Maine residents who have no prescription drug benefit as part of a private or public health insurance program. These residents would be eligible to receive a Maine Rx card and would begin using the card to receive discounts on January 1, 2001 at participating retail pharmacies in Maine. Maine Rx members would receive the benefit of manufacturer rebates, less minimal program administration costs.

The law requires that the department release the names of non-participating manufacturers to health care providers as well as the public. The law also requires the department to impose prior authorization requirements in the Medicaid Program for the dispensing of prescription drugs provided by the non-participating manufacturers and labelers.

The law also created the Prescription Drug Advisory Commission. The commission consists of members of the public including senior citizen advocates, prescribing members of the medical community, pharmacists, and administrative officials. The commission reviews access to prescription drugs for all residents of the State, advises the Commissioner of Human Services on the implementation of the programs established by the new law, and reports annually to the Legislature and the Governor regarding affordable access to prescriptions drugs. The Commissioner was charged

with adopting emergency drug pricing rules by July 1, 2002. These rules are to establish procedures for adoption and periodic review of maximum retail prices, procedures for establishing maximum retail prices for new prescription drugs, reviewing maximum retail prices of selected drugs and the procedures for phasing out or terminating maximum retail prices. Prior to adopting rules, the Commissioner shall consult with and consider the recommendations of the Commission regarding the rules.

Subchapter III of the law, states that profiteering in prescription drugs is unlawful and is subject to the provisions listed in subchapter III. These provisions apply to manufacturers, distributors and labelers of prescription drugs.

Litigation

On August 10, 2000, the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) filed a motion for preliminary injunction enjoining the operation of provisions of this new Maine statute. They stated the statute would:

1. Punish drug manufacturers if they do not pay “rebates” on their drugs dispensed to Maine citizens, by limiting Maine Medicaid beneficiaries’ access to those drugs;
2. Expose manufacturers, beginning on August 11, 2000, to penalties for “illegal profiteering” (defined to include charging prices that are “unconscionable” or lead to “unjust or unreasonable” profits, or engaging in “unreasonable discrimination”); and
3. Punish manufacturers if they rearrange their affairs to minimize their exposure to the rebate requirement or such penalties.

The motion also stated that the Act violates the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution because:

1. It regulates, through the prohibition on “profiteering” and the rebate requirement, transactions occurring outside the state;

2. It ties price rebates for prescription drugs sold in Maine to price rebates for prescription drugs sold in other jurisdictions; and
3. It prohibits manufacturers from rearranging their distribution channels, thereby obstructing “the mobility of commerce.”

The motion went on to state that the Act also violates the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution because it curtails patients’ access to a manufacturer’s drugs in the federal Medicaid program to punish the manufacturer for refusing to participate in the new state program.

In response, the Department argued that the prior authorization provisions of the Act do not violate the Supremacy Clause because they do not conflict with the purposes of Medicaid. The Medicaid statute itself provides the states with broad discretion to subject any drug to a prior authorization requirement. The Maine Rx program merely relies on the state’s exercise of that authority. Moreover, the Maine Rx program is not implemented in such a way as to deprive Medicaid recipients of the drugs they need.

The Department also argued that the Maine Rx Program does not violate the Commerce Clause because it relies entirely on the state’s purchasing power, not regulatory power. Moreover, even if it is considered an exercise of regulatory power, it does not discriminate against other states’ commerce, does not regulate the terms of interstate commerce, and does not otherwise burden commerce in violation of the Commerce Clause.

Finally, the Department argued that the Maine Rx Program should not be preliminarily enjoined because manufacturers make no rebate payments before September 2001, giving sufficient time to conclude a trial before any threat of irreparable harm.

On October 26, 2000, D. Brock Hornby, United States District Judge ruled that the plaintiff was entitled to a preliminary injunction. The Commissioner of the Department of Human Services was preliminarily enjoined from penalizing manufacturers, by placing their drugs on prior listing status, for refusing to negotiate or to pay a rebate to Maine’s Rx program. The Attorney General was preliminarily enjoined from seeking to enforce the illegal profiteering portion of the statute against transactions that occur

outside the State of Maine, even if the prescription drugs eventually end up and are ultimately purchased in Maine. The Court also stated that “If the State wants to continue the program as a voluntary program with public stigma being the only incentive, it may do so.”

The Department of Human Services has filed an appeal with the court regarding the ruling enjoining the Department from proceeding with enactment of the law. A hearing was held March 5, 2001 in the First Circuit Court of Appeals regarding this injunction. The Department expects a ruling within the next month or two.

The Prescription Drug Advisory Commission supports the Department of Human Services in this litigation.

Establishment of Drug Commission by Legislature

The Drug Commission was established and held it’s first meeting on December 20, 2000. The following is a list of appointed Drug Commission members:

- ◆ Richard A. Evans, M.D., Machias - three year term
- ◆ Betty Moses Ellis Golub, R.Ph., Kennebunk - three year term
- ◆ William O’Rourke, R.Ph., Carmel - two year term
- ◆ Daniel McGrath Pierce, D.O., Oakland - two year term
- ◆ Paula Caswell, Topsham - three year term
- ◆ Albert Forsythe, Jr., Hallowell - two year term
- ◆ John Moran, Readfield - three year term
- ◆ Lawrence Gross, Portland - three year term
- ◆ John Marvin, Chair, Augusta - three year term
- ◆ Viola Quirion, Waterville - two year term
- ◆ S. Catherine Longley, Commissioner, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation
- ◆ Kevin Concannon, Commissioner, Department of Human Services
- ◆ Jude Walsh, Director, Division of Quality Improvement, Bureau of Medical Services

The Commission met for a second time on January 31, 2001. A discussion regarding the Maine Rx Program and the implications the court case would have on this program ensued. The Medicaid Pharmacy Prior Authorization process and the new Drug Waiver were also discussed.

The Commission met on March 15, 2001. At that time, the Commission members elected John Marvin as Chairperson for the Commission. Discussions were held regarding the litigation in the Maine Rx Program, physicians becoming licensed to prescribe in Canada, Prior Authorizations for Prescription drugs, the Low Cost Drugs for the Elderly and Disabled Program, the proposed Healthy Maine Prescriptions legislation and information available on the Bureau of Adult and Elder Services Web Site. The Commission also reviewed the draft of a Prescription Drug Prior Authorization brochure and the draft of the report for the legislature from the Commission.

Maine Rx Implementation

The Bureau of Medical Services began preparing for implementation of the Maine Rx Program in June, 2000.

- ◆ Functional Job Analyses' were written and submitted to the Bureau of Human Resources for approved staffing.
- ◆ An RFP for media was released in July and a contract awarded in September.
- ◆ Claims Processing RFP was developed and released in August. An award of contract is pending.
- ◆ Rules for the Maine Rx Program were promulgated on November 7, 2000.
- ◆ Formal rebate agreements between the Department of Human Services and Drug Manufacturers/Labelers were developed.

- ◆ Letters from Kevin Concannon, Commissioner, dated July 20, 2000 were sent to Manufacturers/Labelers with copies of the Maine Rx Law and Rebate Agreements inviting manufacturers to participate in the rebate program for the Maine Rx Program.
- ◆ Follow-up letters dated October 6, 2000 and October 30, 2000 were sent to manufacturers.
- ◆ Following the ruling enjoining the Department from implementing all areas of the Maine Rx Law, letters were again sent to the Drug Manufacturers/Labelers on November 2, 2000 with information regarding the ruling and requesting these companies to reconsider their participation in the program. From these mailings, 72 manufacturers signed rebate agreements to participate in the Maine Rx Program.
- ◆ The 20 largest manufacturers were identified and contacted. Letters dated November 30, 2000 advising we would follow up with telephone calls to set up teleconferences with officials of these companies. It was hoped discussions could be held on the Maine Rx Program and rebate agreements could be negotiated for participating with Maine in this important Program. Several companies declined holding any discussions with the Bureau of Medical Services regarding Maine Rx Program pending litigation.

On December 15, 2000, the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services issued a press release announcing the delayed start of the Maine Rx Program from January 1, 2001 to April 1, 2001. The two primary factors contributing to the decision were:

- ◆ The state's appeal of the Federal Court decision allowing a preliminary injunction affecting certain parts of the program was not scheduled to be heard by the Court of Appeals until March of 2001. Some companies have advised they will not participate in Maine Rx until the appeal and all subsequent litigations are finally resolved.

- ◆ While several national prescription drug manufacturers have signed agreements to give full rebate to Maine for all their drugs, many more are needed to offer a significant array of drugs to benefit Maine people.

Pharmacy Benefit Management Services – Tri-State Coalition

The Governors of three New England states – Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont – met in early 2000 to share and discuss common concerns about rising prescription prices. A number of options to help their citizens save money on prescription costs were considered. It was felt that it would be productive to the three states to form a Coalition to see if concerted action among the states could significantly impact prescription drug expenditures in the states’ public programs. The Governors also realized that such a Coalition might also be able to lower prescription costs for other state populations as well. A working group was appointed and after intensive study, the working group reported back to the Governors its finding that aggregate purchasing by the states could be beneficial. The working group recommended to the Governors that the most effective strategy to implement a multi-state purchasing alliance would be to recruit a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM). As a result, the Governors authorized the October 23, 2000 issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a PBM.

Healthy Maine Prescriptions

In January of 2001, the State of Maine obtained federal approval for the Maine Prescription Drug Discount Program. The program approved under Medicaid authority, Section 1115(a)(2) of the Social Security Act, permits Maine to extend access to discount prescription drug prices to qualifying individuals with incomes at or below 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Income levels at or below 300% FPL are as follows:

Number in Household	Monthly Income
1	\$2148
2	\$2903
3	\$3658
4	\$4413

5	\$5168
6	\$5923
7	\$6678
8	\$7433

\$755 would be added for each additional member.

This program will greatly assist Maine in its efforts to make prescription medications affordable to its citizens. This Program will test a new approach of providing more affordable prescription medications to a population often experiencing financial difficulties in this area. This Program will allow Maine to provide qualifying individuals with a discounted prescription price based on the price that the Maine State Medicaid program pays for prescription drugs. We estimate an approximate 25% savings off retail prices for prescription drugs will be passed on to the recipient.

Summary

Although the Prescription Drug Advisory Commission has been appointed and is actively attempting to fulfill their charged duties, efforts to implement other components of the Maine Rx Program have been unsuccessful. The Drug Advisory Commission and Department of Human Services remain committed to assuring access to affordable prescription drugs for all Maine citizens. We are currently, aggressively pursuing implementation of the Healthy Maine Prescriptions Program which will provide access for approximately 220,000 citizens (who would have been eligible for the Maine Rx Program), to more affordable prescription drugs. By way of the Tri-State RFP Initiative, the State continues to explore the possibilities of employing Pharmacy Benefit Manager's (PBM's). This avenue may produce drug cost savings for individuals not eligible for the Healthy Maine Prescription Program.

Implementation of the Maine Rx Program remains delayed while we wait for the ruling of the Court.

Recommendations

The Commission recommends the following:

- ◆ The Department of Human Services should continue to pursue implementation of the Maine Rx Program.
- ◆ The Legislature should look favorably at the proposed Healthy Maine Prescriptions Program.
- ◆ The Legislature should continue to fund the Low Cost Drugs for the Elderly and Disabled Program and add cancer medications to the list of covered prescription drugs.
- ◆ The Legislature should encourage and assist physicians in the State of Maine with receiving border licenses to be able to write prescriptions in Canada for patients to receive their maintenance drugs at an affordable price.

Attachments

- ◆ Prescription Drug Advisory Committee members and addresses
- ◆ Web Site Information from the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services on Prescription Drug Assistance
- ◆ List of drug manufacturers agreeing to participate voluntarily in the Maine Rx Program

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County	Town	Pharmacy	Prilosec 20 mg/30 ca Astra/Merck	Norvasc 5 mg/90 ta Pfizer	Zocor 5 mg/60 ta Merck	Zoloft 50 mg/100 ta Pfizer	Procardia XL 30 mg/100 tab Pfizer	Vasotec 10 mg/100 t Merck	ardizem CD 240 mg/90 tab Hoechst Mario	Ticlid 250 mg/60 tab Hoffman-LaRo	Fosamax 10 mg/30 ta Astra/Merc	Relafen 500 mg/100 tabs Smithkline Beech	TOTAL
ANDR	Lewiston	CVS	122.39	132.29	106.19	244.79	160.19	114.29	206.99	152.99	65.69	136.79	1,442.60
ANDR	County-wide	Rite Aid	140.38	128.42	112.48	234.62	141.92	110.42	203.38	140.12	68.12	136.78	1,416.64
ANDR	Lewiston	Bedard Pharmacy, Inc.	124.10	120.32	106.82	233.99	142.55	114.47	197.09	134.54	60.92	126.98	1,361.78
ANDR	Auburn	CVS	118.79	112.49	106.19	215.19	141.29	107.99	214.19	148.49	69.83	124.19	1,358.64
ANDR	Auburn	Walmart	107.98	112.98	104.84	219.98	131.78	109.97	197.98	139.98	64.54	128.97	1,319.00
ANDR	Mechanic Falls	McFalls Pharmacy	116.99	116.09	101.69	215.99	134.09	112.49	182.69	123.29	61.19	119.69	1,284.20
ANDR	Auburn	Kmart	111.59	114.79	98.99	212.59	127.59	103.99	181.99	140.97	61.99	123.59	1,278.08
ANDR	Lewiston	The Medicine Shoppe	124.17	105.97	106.83	234.17	121.25	93.93	169.60	134.64	53.58	127.05	1,271.19
ANDR	Lewiston	National Pharmacy Inc.	115.10	111.75	99.50	214.15	131.75	110.60	180.85	120.95	60.50	117.70	1,262.85
AROO	Fort Kent	Community Pharmacy of Fort Kent	121.35	126.87	112.83	244.62	156.31	113.82	206.36	141.16	67.98	133.75	1,425.05
AROO	County-wide	Rite Aid	140.38	128.42	112.48	234.62	141.92	110.42	203.38	140.12	68.12	136.78	1,416.64
AROO	Houlton	Walmart	110.54	126.72	104.84	238.98	138.84	115.92	197.98	138.98	71.68	128.97	1,373.45
AROO	Presque Isle	Walmart	123.78	120.68	104.84	227.78	131.78	109.97	197.98	139.98	68.46	128.97	1,354.22
AROO	Caribou	Frontier Pharmacy	119.09	117.53	103.65	223.19	142.19	112.40	193.49	130.76	61.82	124.46	1,328.58
AROO	Eagle Lake	Community Pharmacy of Eagle Lak	118.40	121.36	106.95	221.55	139.18	113.89	188.51	126.18	65.59	125.14	1,326.75
AROO	Presque Isle	City Drug Store	119.95	122.99	99.89	219.95	142.95	112.95	185.89	129.89	61.89	119.95	1,316.30
AROO	Ashland	Ashland Drug Store	119.95	122.99	99.89	219.95	142.95	112.95	185.89	129.89	61.89	119.95	1,316.30
AROO	Van Buren	Hebert Rexall Pharmacy	119.95	118.85	104.95	217.95	134.85	109.95	196.95	124.85	61.95	122.95	1,313.20
AROO	Houlton	Community Pharmacy of Houlton	122.94	102.06	105.76	218.64	130.53	113.41	180.64	129.33	57.95	136.86	1,298.12
AROO	Presque Isle	The Prescription Shoppe (Smythe's I	107.50	111.42	99.18	231.84	116.77	107.05	195.25	133.29	62.86	124.74	1,289.90
AROO	Mars Hill	Mars Hill Pharmacy	111.92	122.57	96.45	216.57	134.67	111.92	182.90	122.57	61.60	118.93	1,280.10
AROO	Madawaska	Community Pharlacy of Madawask	114.91	121.63	105.77	218.64	130.53	113.41	150.13	129.33	57.97	136.88	1,279.20
CUMB	South Portland	CVS	142.99	141.99	125.99	242.99	156.99	132.99	238.99	178.99	81.59	160.99	1,604.50
CUMB	Westbrook	CVS	128.69	127.79	113.39	218.69	141.29	119.69	215.09	161.09	73.43	144.89	1,444.04
CUMB	Portland Congress	CVS	122.39	132.29	106.19	244.79	160.19	114.29	206.99	152.99	65.69	136.79	1,442.60
CUMB	Portland Forest	CVS	128.69	127.79	113.99	218.69	141.29	119.69	215.09	147.59	73.43	144.89	1,431.14
CUMB	Portland Westgate	CVS	128.69	127.79	113.39	218.69	141.29	119.69	215.09	147.59	73.43	144.89	1,430.54
CUMB	Cape Elizabeth	CVS	128.69	127.79	113.39	218.69	141.29	119.69	215.09	143.09	73.43	144.89	1,426.04
CUMB	Raymond	Community Pharmacy of Raymond	136.59	113.40	117.52	224.96	145.03	126.01	200.71	143.70	64.38	152.09	1,424.39

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CUMB	County-wide	Rite Aid	140.38	128.42	112.48	234.62	141.92	110.42	203.38	140.12	68.12	136.78	1,416.64
CUMB	Bridgton	Bridgton Pharmacy	125.92	125.32	109.04	238.12	145.34	111.37	200.17	137.24	62.47	129.59	1,384.58
CUMB	Scarborough	Walmart	118.54	125.98	104.84	238.98	138.84	115.92	197.98	137.98	64.54	128.97	1,372.57
CUMB	Brunswick	CVS	118.79	112.49	106.19	215.99	141.29	107.99	214.19	143.19	69.83	124.19	1,354.14
CUMB	Brunswick	Walmart	125.84	108.98	104.84	231.72	133.98	111.97	192.54	139.98	69.54	128.97	1,348.36
CUMB	Falmouth	Walmart	118.54	110.54	104.84	223.90	138.84	115.92	197.98	139.98	64.54	128.97	1,344.05
CUMB	North Windham	CVS	117.89	118.79	106.19	202.49	141.29	112.49	200.69	148.49	68.03	126.89	1,343.24
CUMB	Portland Brighton	CVS	117.89	118.79	106.19	202.49	141.29	112.49	200.69	143.09	68.03	126.89	1,337.84
CUMB	Portland	Rosemont Pharmacy	110.51	118.48	106.87	228.75	124.65	112.01	175.27	124.59	62.45	129.87	1,293.45
CUMB	Portland	Portland Prof Pharmacy Inc.	121.64	118.18	103.97	204.06	132.12	113.63	181.47	126.96	64.85	119.86	1,286.74
CUMB	Brunswick	Parkview Pharmacy	110.69	103.41	96.34	201.11	137.69	98.38	176.44	122.72	56.75	114.57	1,218.10
FRAN	County-wide	Rite Aid	140.38	128.42	112.48	234.62	141.92	110.42	203.38	140.12	68.12	136.78	1,416.64
FRAN	Farmington	Walmart	117.98	103.98	104.84	239.54	138.84	98.98	197.98	139.98	71.68	128.97	1,342.77
FRAN	Farmington	Howard's Rexall Drug	119.99	119.99	99.99	214.99	124.99	104.99	189.99	129.99	59.99	124.99	1,289.90
HANC	County-wide	Rite Aid	140.38	128.42	112.48	234.62	141.92	110.42	203.38	140.12	68.12	136.78	1,416.64
HANC	Ellsworth	Walmart	117.98	120.68	104.84	227.78	131.78	109.97	197.98	139.98	68.46	128.97	1,348.42
HANC	Stonington	Island Pharmacy	122.12	120.82	105.07	230.28	131.75	117.15	193.93	134.30	63.42	124.94	1,343.78
HANC	Southwest Harbo	Carroll Drug Store, Inc	114.09	119.89	106.73	230.14	141.46	109.60	194.32	129.82	62.23	126.30	1,334.58
HANC	Bucksport	Community Pharmacy of Bucksport	111.24	121.63	105.77	218.64	129.83	113.41	177.06	127.06	62.24	127.63	1,294.51
KENN	Hallowell	Omnicare Pharmacy of Maine	157.81	153.47	141.56	249.16	175.77	152.00	241.80	143.71	78.02	161.11	1,654.41
KENN	Gardiner	Brooks Pharmacy	115.19	120.14	113.39	233.54	129.86	98.99	200.51	155.51	65.69	125.81	1,483.55
KENN	Augusta	CVS	122.39	132.29	106.19	244.79	160.19	114.29	206.99	152.99	62.99	136.79	1,439.90
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KENN	Augusta	Walmart	125.84	122.72	104.84	231.72	133.98	111.97	197.98	139.98	66.62	128.97	1,364.62
KENN	Waterville	CVS	118.79	112.49	106.19	215.99	141.29	107.99	214.19	148.49	69.83	124.19	1,359.44
KENN	Waterville	Brooks Pharmacy	115.19	120.14	113.39	233.54	129.86	98.99	200.51	155.51	65.69	125.81	1,358.63
KENN	Farmingdale	Community Pharmacy of Farmingd	112.49	115.19	105.77	218.64	129.83	113.41	195.24	129.33	68.50	136.88	1,325.28
KENN	Randolph	Community Pharmacy of Randolph	110.14	115.19	105.77	218.64	129.83	113.41	195.49	124.33	68.50	136.88	1,318.18

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KENN	Augusta	E. Chestnut St.	Kennebec Professional Pharmacy	122.10	118.88	107.10	226.58	125.72	114.43	183.71	124.72	63.02	125.96	1,312.22
KENN	Waterville		Walmart	117.98	111.98	104.84	216.98	131.78	102.98	197.98	139.98	57.98	127.98	1,310.46
KENN	Augusta	Leighton Rd.	Kennebec Professional Pharmacy	119.16	121.81	107.10	226.60	125.72	114.43	155.98	130.98	69.23	125.96	1,296.97
KENN	Augusta		Shaw's	112.31	115.30	100.72	216.60	133.31	84.76	182.32	122.38	58.91	113.70	1,240.31
County	Town		Pharmacy	Prilosec	Norvasc	Zocor	Zoloft	Procardia XL	Vasotec	ardizem CD	Ticlid	Fosamax	Relafen	TOTAL
				20 mg/30 ca	5 mg/90 ta	5 mg/60 ta	50 mg/100 ta	30 mg/100 tab	10 mg/100 t	240 mg/90 tab	250 mg/60 tab	10 mg/30 ta	500 mg/100 tabs	
				Astra/Merck	Pfizer	Merck	Pfizer	Pfizer	Merck	Hoechst Mario	Hoffman-LaRo	Astra/Merc	Smithkline Beech	
KNOX	County-wide		Rite Aid	140.38	128.42	112.48	234.62	141.92	110.42	203.38	140.12	68.12	136.78	1,416.64
KNOX	Rockland		Walmart	123.78	120.68	104.84	227.78	131.78	109.97	197.98	139.98	68.46	128.97	1,354.22
KNOX	Rockland		Goodnow's Pharmacy, Inc.	113.48	109.25	97.47	200.34	126.12	102.64	177.35	115.68	60.74	113.64	1,216.71
KNOX	Camden		Camden Drug Company	106.48	113.71	91.61	206.98	126.90	106.26	173.51	122.75	54.70	111.86	1,214.76
LINC	County-wide		Rite Aid	140.38	128.42	112.48	234.62	141.92	110.42	203.38	140.12	68.12	136.78	1,416.64
LINC	Boothbay Harbor		Waltz Pharmacy Boothbay Harbor	123.00	122.87	106.85	226.95	139.82	114.55	197.21	130.80	60.41	127.05	1,349.51
OXFO	County-wide		Rite Aid	140.38	128.42	112.48	234.62	141.92	110.42	203.38	140.12	68.12	136.78	1,416.64
OXFO	Oxford		Walmart	115.54	119.98	104.84	231.72	133.98	111.97	197.98	139.98	60.98	128.97	1,345.94
OXFO	Norway (Fair St.)		Ketner Pharmacy	116.09	114.89	115.80	203.39	122.71	120.55	193.70	121.99	58.37	118.72	1,286.21
PENO	County-wide		Rite Aid	140.38	128.42	112.48	234.62	141.92	110.42	203.38	140.12	68.12	136.78	1,416.64
PENO	Lincoln		Walmart	129.98	126.72	104.84	239.54	138.84	115.92	197.98	139.98	71.68	128.97	1,394.45
PENO	Bangor Union St		Affiliated Pharmacy Services	125.01	125.82	116.37	217.35	142.65	120.24	200.34	146.52	66.78	128.97	1,390.05
PENO	Bangor State St		Affiliated Pharmacy Services	125.01	125.82	116.37	217.35	142.65	120.24	200.34	146.52	66.78	128.97	1,390.05
PENO	Bangor		Shaw's	113.39	131.39	99.53	220.49	129.59	104.39	245.69	121.76	62.99	142.19	1,371.41
PENO	Bangor		Miller Drug	125.43	122.56	115.98	229.78	131.71	115.79	189.12	140.62	62.14	130.33	1,363.46
PENO	Bangor		Walmart	106.54	102.98	104.84	219.00	131.78	98.97	197.98	139.98	59.98	128.97	1,291.02
PENO	E. Millinocket		Davis Pharmacy	114.97	111.55	99.31	213.97	131.53	110.38	180.67	124.33	62.68	117.49	1,266.88
PENO	Bangor		Brooks Pharmacy	112.49	115.01	88.34	223.19	141.74	97.19	164.69	132.74	58.49	113.66	1,247.54
PENO	Dexter		Millside Pharmacy	112.66	109.25	102.92	198.89	126.71	108.12	176.37	114.67	54.87	109.78	1,214.24
PENO	Brewer		Brooks Pharmacy	112.49	115.01	88.46	223.19	114.29	92.24	164.69	130.31	58.49	113.66	1,212.83
PISC	County-wide		Rite Aid	140.38	128.42	112.48	234.62	141.92	110.42	203.38	140.12	68.12	136.78	1,416.64
SAGA	Bath		CVS	128.69	127.79	113.39	218.69	141.29	119.69	215.09	143.09	73.43	144.89	1,426.04

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SAGA	County-wide	Rite Aid	140.38	128.42	112.48	234.62	141.92	110.42	203.38	140.12	68.12	136.78	1,416.64
SOME	County-wide	Rite Aid	140.38	128.42	112.48	234.62	141.92	110.42	203.38	140.12	68.12	136.78	1,416.64
SOME	Madison	Taylor's Drug Store	110.20	121.50	97.23	227.24	140.31	108.00	192.14	132.67	60.39	125.49	1,315.17
SOME	Skowhegan	Walmart	113.98	110.54	104.84	212.54	133.98	102.98	197.98	139.98	61.54	127.98	1,306.34
SOME	Skowhegan	Variety Drug	115.60	112.24	100.03	214.62	129.69	111.08	181.36	121.45	61.02	118.21	1,265.30
County	Town	Pharmacy	Prilosec 20 mg/30 ca	Norvasc 5 mg/90 ta	Zocor 5 mg/60 ta	Zoloft 50 mg/100 ta	Procardia XL 30 mg/100 tab	Vasotec 10 mg/100 t	ardizem CD 240 mg/90 tab	Ticlid 250 mg/60 tab	Fosamax 10 mg/30 ta	Relafen 500 mg/100 tabs	TOTAL
			Astra/Merck	Pfizer	Merck	Pfizer	Pfizer	Merck	Hoechst Mario	Hoffman-LaRo	Astra/Merc	SmithKline Beech	
SOME	Bingham	E W Moore and Son	115.15	113.71	99.31	214.15	131.71	106.51	180.85	124.51	58.18	117.58	1,261.66
SOME	Pittsfield	Pittsfield Pharmacy	106.10	104.81	91.29	202.32	125.29	106.92	165.75	115.90	55.08	108.55	1,182.01
WALD	County-wide	Rite Aid	140.38	128.42	112.48	234.62	141.92	110.42	203.38	140.12	68.12	136.78	1,416.64
WALD	Belfast	Waltz Pharmacy of Belfast	124.18	122.85	136.77	226.95	139.80	114.55	197.21	130.64	60.89	127.05	1,380.89
WALD	Unity	Unity Pharmacy	127.00	123.01	109.94	232.05	does not stock	117.64	189.16	137.74	63.70	130.15	1,230.39*
WASH	Lubec	Lubec Apothecary	129.87	128.55	112.54	239.87	148.35	124.82	202.91	140.34	68.60	132.75	1,428.60
WASH	County-wide	Rite Aid	140.38	128.42	112.48	234.62	141.92	110.42	203.38	140.12	68.12	136.78	1,416.64
WASH	Eastport	Havey & Wilson	127.55	126.20	110.20	237.55	146.00	117.90	200.85	138.00	64.25	130.40	1,398.90
WASH	Calais	Walmart	110.98	125.98	104.84	229.98	138.84	115.92	197.98	139.98	69.54	127.98	1,362.02
WASH	Calais	Calais Pharmacy	112.05	116.05	102.42	213.43	128.70	106.05	178.15	125.91	61.51	118.57	1,262.84
WASH	Calais	Treworgy Pharmacy	112.05	116.05	102.42	213.43	128.70	106.05	178.15	125.91	61.51	118.57	1,262.84
YORK	Sanford	CVS	122.39	132.29	106.19	244.79	160.19	114.29	206.99	147.59	65.69	136.79	1,437.20
YORK	Kennebunkport	Colonial Pharmacy	111.80	131.20	97.20	249.40	152.20	122.36	210.40	143.70	62.95	135.63	1,416.84
YORK	County-wide	Rite Aid	140.38	128.42	112.48	234.62	141.92	110.42	203.38	140.12	68.12	136.78	1,416.64
YORK	Eliot	Eliot Drug Com	121.86	129.42	112.5	234.00	150.30	114.48	197.10	146.97	64.17	133.83	1,404.63
YORK	South Berwick	South Berwick Pharmacy	128.08	126.76	110.74	238.08	146.55	107.22	201.12	138.54	67.40	130.95	1,395.44
YORK	Kennebunk	Kennebunk Village Pharmacy	126.09	124.79	107.09	230.79	136.59	121.09	193.09	128.99	68.69	128.99	1,366.20
YORK	Kittery	American Drug Stores, Inc	121.69	114.99	105.69	226.69	135.99	114.69	193.69	151.38	67.99	128.99	1,361.79
YORK	Biddeford	Walmart	117.98	110.54	104.84	239.54	138.84	98.98	197.98	139.98	71.68	128.97	1,349.33
YORK	Biddeford	Shaw's	113.39	131.39	99.53	220.49	122.39	104.39	245.69	111.50	60.29	135.89	1,344.95
YORK	Saco	Commuity Pharmacy of Saco	122.93	102.06	105.76	218.64	130.53	117.93	180.64	129.33	60.30	136.88	1,305.00
YORK	Ogunquit	Ogunquit Pharmacy	114.97	115.97	98.98	219.98	132.97	109.98	189.90	129.95	62.00	121.00	1,295.70

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Mail	AARP (includes S&H)	113.10	114.50	95.20	211.00	130.45	110.15	198.45	125.30	59.95	119.30	1,277.40
Prices are subject to change												
Hannaford and Shop n' Save pharmacies have decided not to participate in the survey.												
Mark Polli, Director of Pharmacy Operations for Hannaford says that "any person who would like a price in advance to simply call the Hannaford pharmacy of their choice."												
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Rx Rebate Agreements - Agreed to Participate

LABELER	MANUFACTURER'S NAME	STATUS	DATE RECEIVED	NOTES
00034	THE PURDUE FREDERICK COMPANY	Agreed to participate	11/01/2000	
00064	HEALTHPOINT, LTD.	Agreed to participate	11/22/2000	
00076	STAR PHARMACEUTICALS	Agreed to participate	08/14/2000	
00091	SCHWARZ PHARMA, INC.	Agreed to participate	10/31/2000	
00095	E. CLAIBORNE ROBINS COMPANY, INC.	Agreed to participate	10/24/2000	Name Change=ECR Pharmaceuticals/Address
00096	PERSON & COVEY, INC.	Agreed to participate	08/16/2000	
00121	BEACH PRODUCTS, INC.	Agreed to participate	08/22/2000	Name Change = Pharmaceutical Associates
00131	SCHWARZ PHARMA INC.	Agreed to participate	10/31/2000	
00143	WEST-WARD PHARMACEUTICAL CORP	Agreed to participate	10/24/2000	
00169	NOVO NORDISK PHARMACEUTICALS INC.	Agreed to participate	09/25/2000	
00172	ZENITH GOLDLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	Agreed to participate	12/27/2000	
00182	ZENITH GOLDLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	Agreed to participate	12/27/2000	
00327	UNITED-GUARDIAN INC.	Agreed to participate	08/15/2000	
00372	SCOT-TUSSIN PHARMACAL CO., INC.	Agreed to participate	08/16/2000	
00451	MURO PHARMACEUTICAL INC	Agreed to participate	08/16/2000	
00472	ALPHARMA, USPD	Agreed to participate	12/05/2000	
00482	BRADLEY PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	Agreed to participate	09/21/2000	Name Change = Kenwood Therapeutics
00486	BEACH PRODUCTS INC	Agreed to participate	08/22/2000	
00527	LANNETT COMPANY INC.	Agreed to participate	08/16/2000	
00574	PADDOCK LABORATORIES, INC.	Agreed to participate	08/22/2000	
00575	BAKER NORTON PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	Agreed to participate	12/27/2000	
00615	NCS HEALTHCARE, INC.	Agreed to participate	11/01/2000	Vanguard Labs
00689	DANIELS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	Agreed to participate	11/22/2000	
00832	ROSEMONT PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION	Agreed to participate	10/24/2000	
00884	PEDINOL PHARMACAL INC	Agreed to participate	08/28/2000	
00904	COMPUTER DECISIONS INTERNATIONAL, INC.	Agreed to participate	10/31/2000	
10267	CONTRACT PHARMACAL CORP	Agreed to participate	10/31/2000	
10337	BRADLEY PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	Agreed to participate	09/21/2000	Name Change = Doak Dermatologics
11701	COLOPLAST CORP.	Agreed to participate	09/05/2000	
17236	DIXON-SHANE INC.	Agreed to participate	08/14/2000	

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17714	ADVANCE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	Agreed to participate	11/22/2000	
24208	BAUSCH & LOMB PHARMACEUTICAL DIVISION	Agreed to participate	09/22/2000	
24385	BERGEN BRUNSWIG DRUG COMPANY	Agreed to participate	10/12/2000	
25074	BERTEK PHARMACEUTICALS INC.	Agreed to participate	09/26/2000	Name Change = Penederm Incorporated
28105	HILL DERMACEUTICALS INC.	Agreed to participate	08/23/2000	
44184	BAJAMAR CHEMACAL CO INC	Agreed to participate	08/08/2000	
46672	MIKART INC.	Agreed to participate	08/16/2000	
48017	HEALTHPOINT, LTD.	Agreed to participate	11/22/2000	
49884	PAR PHARMACEUTICAL, INC	Agreed to participate	10/17/2000	
50383	HI-TECH PHARMACAL CO. INC.,	Agreed to participate	08/30/2000	
50962	ALPHARMA XACTDOSE	Agreed to participate	12/05/2000	
51284	ZILA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	Agreed to participate	11/13/2000	
51817	PHARMASCIENCE LABORATORIES, INC.	Agreed to participate	09/22/2000	Address Change = 10 Orchard Place, Tenafly
52555	MARTEC PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	Agreed to participate	08/22/2000	
52604	JONES PHARMA, INCORPORATED	Agreed to participate	11/22/2000	
53265	ABLE LABORATORIES, INC.	Agreed to participate	10/17/2000	
53303	CARRINGTON LABORATORIES, INC.	Agreed to participate	08/22/2000	
53746	INTERPHARM, INC	Agreed to participate	08/29/2000	
54391	R & D LABORATORIES, INC.	Agreed to participate	09/29/2000	
54838	SILARX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	Agreed to participate	08/21/2000	
55654	TRI-MED LABORATORIES, INC.	Agreed to participate	08/22/2000	
55806	EFFCON LABORATORIES, INC.	Agreed to participate	10/20/2000	
57480	MEDIREX INC	Agreed to participate	10/17/2000	
57782	BAUSCH & LOMB PHARMACEUTICAL DIVISION	Agreed to participate	09/22/2000	
58634	AMERICAN GENERICS, INC.	Agreed to participate	09/05/2000	
58790	ADVANCED VISION RESEARCH	Agreed to participate	09/01/2000	
59011	PURDUE PHARMA, L.P.	Agreed to participate	11/01/2000	
59196	WE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	Agreed to participate	10/24/2000	
59417	LOTUS BIOCHEMICAL CORP.	Agreed to participate	10/17/2000	
59528	NEPHRO-TECH, INC.	Agreed to participate	08/29/2000	
59630	HORIZON PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION	Agreed to participate	10/24/2000	Name Change = First Horizon Pharmaceutical
59702	ATLEY PHARMACEUTICALS INC	Agreed to participate	11/07/2000	
60267	HOPE PHARMACEUTICALS	Agreed to participate	08/09/2000	

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60598	KOS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	Agreed to participate	10/20/2000	
61442	CARLSBAD TECHNOLOGY	Agreed to participate	10/31/2000	
61451	POLYMEDICA INDUSTRIES, INC.	Agreed to participate	09/21/2000	
61787	HI-TECH PHARMACAL CO., INC.	Agreed to participate	10/24/2000	Name Change = Health Care Products/Divisio
62037	ANDRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	Agreed to participate	11/01/2000	
62175	SCHWARZ PHARMA INC.	Agreed to participate	10/31/2000	
62794	BERTEK PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	Agreed to participate	09/26/2000	
63395	DAIICHI PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION	Agreed to participate	10/20/2000	
64731	INTEGRITY PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION	Agreed to participate	08/28/2000	Address Change = 9084 Technology Drive, S