

Recently, the Department of Defense (DoD) re-issued the final rule for the inclusion of the TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Program in federal procurement of pharmaceuticals. On December 27, 2010, this final rule will implement Section 703 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (NDAA-08).

Section 703 states, “with respect to any prescription filled on or after the date of enactment, the TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Program shall be treated as an element of the DoD for purposes of procurement of drugs by Federal agencies under section 8126 of title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.), to the extent necessary to ensure pharmaceuticals paid for by the DoD that are provided by network retail pharmacies under the program to eligible covered beneficiaries are subject to the pricing standards in such section 8126.”

This legislation places a new obligation on pharmaceutical manufacturers and non-compliance may have a dramatic affect on a company’s ability to participate in government programs. CIS understands this new environment and can help you prepare and implement the changes necessary to successfully manage your government programs.

BE PREPARED.

CIS will help your organization prepare for the evolving changes and challenges of the TRICARE Retail Refund Program that have both an immediate and future impact. By helping you understand the implications of new legislation, we can guide you as you make decisions for your company. CIS’ experts can assist you in understanding the following impacts on your organization:

- *Compliance and Methodology* – Staying informed of new or changing compliance requirements, such as the opt-out provision
- *Systems and Processes* – Downloading, decrypting and scrubbing the utilization data
- *Organization* – Realizing how the changes will impact staffing levels and organizational structure
- *Business and Financial* – Understanding what the changes mean to your federal and commercial business, and what you can anticipate regarding the financial impact

IMPLEMENT CHANGE.

CIS offers a wide range of service options directly focused on the TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Program. Our subject matter experts have the expertise to:

- Provide guidance and assistance with the submission of waiver/compromise requests for the TRICARE program
- Provide guidance and assistance when products are up for review for the DoD (TRICARE) Uniform Formulary as new drugs are released or a drug class is evaluated by the DoD P&T Committee
- Validate your TRICARE refund obligation
- Analyze utilization files to identify and submit potential disputes
- Work with TRICARE to resolve submitted disputes and discrepancies in refund obligation
- Prepare reconciliation reports in accordance with the TRICARE Final Rule released in October 2010

For assistance with all of your TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Program needs, contact CIS at info@cis-partners.com or by calling 919.463.1990.