



**Sovereign
States
Drug
Consortium**

*Iowa
Maine
Mississippi
Oregon
Utah
Vermont
West Virginia
Wyoming*

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Dear Manufacturer:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that on March 1, 2015, the Member States of the Sovereign States Drug Consortium (SSDC) will open solicitations and negotiations for their multi-state rebate pool for diabetic supply rebates for calendar year 2016. Goold Health Systems, an Emdeon company, (GHS) will again serve as the supplemental rebate vendor for the SSDC, with responsibility for soliciting, analyzing and negotiating diabetic supply rebate offers for the pool.

The current Member States of the SSDC include Iowa, Maine, Mississippi, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

A general overview of the bidding timeline is as follows:

Event	Date
Manufacturers may begin making offers	March 1, 2015
Submission deadline	March 30, 2015
States review offers	June 15-17, 2015
Notification to manufacturers of each SSDC Member State's final decision	August 10, 2015

Detailed instructions for offer submittals are available at the SSDC website (www.rxssdc.org). Before submitting an offer, read the Diabetic Supply Offer Submission FAQ document in particular.

Offer submission considerations:

- The AWP and WAC rates submitted need to reflect 2015 Quarter 1 (1/1/2015 – 3/31/2015) rates. Spreadsheets that have rates listed other than 2015 Q1 will be returned for rate update.
- All offer submission rates and offers need to be submitted per unit
 - Example: A box of 100 strips that has an AWP/WAC rate listed per box needs to be divided by 100 to get to the individual strip unit price.
- Incomplete spreadsheets will be returned and will not be presented for state review unless a completed spreadsheet is resubmitted before the deadline.
- If WAC rates are not published, you **MUST** include the AWP calculation used to calculate the WAC rate used for the bid submission. This information should be added under the comment section upon submission.

Please send any clarification requests and all completed offer spreadsheets to: rxoffers@rxssdc.org.

If GHS receives multiple offer submissions by a manufacturer for the same HRI/NDC for the same bid session, earlier submissions will be replaced with the newest completed offer spreadsheet and that version will be presented to the SSDC states.

The SSDC has established a deadline of March 30, 2015 for the submission of initial diabetic supply rebate offers. Offers received after that date will not be considered. The SSDC will meet to review the offers together and indicate their choices. Valid offers will receive notices on or about August 10, 2015.

Submitting a diabetic supply rebate offer does not guarantee that a product will be placed on a PDL and the lack of a diabetic supply rebate offer does not necessarily mean that a product will not be placed on a PDL. SSDC states that currently have multi-year year diabetic supply rebate contracts with a select manufacturer or manufacturers may choose not to review the offers from other manufacturers received in this process. A manufacturer with a rebate contract with one or more SSDC states may improve its offer for 2016.

Any questions regarding the details of this process or requests for assistance may be directed to rxoffers@rxssdc.org.

Sincerely,
Sovereign States Drug Consortium
Iowa, Maine, Mississippi, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming