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The diversion of legitimately produced amphetamines appears to occur at the practitioner level in the Region 2 area. Based upon a review of records maintained by practitioners and several on-going investigations, it appears that amphetamine products are generally dispensed in violation of current Food and Drug Administration standards for obesity treatment.

Amphetamines are readily available to the abuser population through the utilization of fraudulent prescriptions as well as from the sale, by patients, who ostensibly obtained the amphetamine products for weight control.

A few individuals, in the legitimate drug industry, who would not agree to be quoted, were of the opinion that availability of amphetamines is attributable, to some degree, to the aggressive sales policies pursued by several manufacturers and distributors. These individuals further stated that the policies mentioned are in complete disregard of the current accepted medical needs of the country. Therefore, although volume sales by some manufacturers to practitioners may not be classified as outright diversion, such sales contribute significantly to the attitudes professed at the practitioner level relative to amphetamine products.