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INFORMATION FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

The New Jersey Diversion Investigation Unit reports that physicians continue to present a major problem by issuing illegal prescriptions for amphetamines. The prescriptions are generally for 30 to 60 D.U.'s each. In itself, this is not a significant amount of drugs, however, when multiplied by the hundreds of prescriptions written, it emerges as a significant diversion of licit drugs.

The New Jersey State Department of Health, Drug Control Program estimates that 30% of the legitimately prescribed amphetamine products eventually find their way into the illicit market.

The New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Narcotic Control, advises that practically all amphetamines encountered illegally have originated from "legal" sources, i.e. doctors specializing in the treatment of obesity.