

units of Schedule II drugs per month, of which approximately 200,000 dosage units were estimated to be amphetamines.

Another Louisiana physician sold a total of 875 dosage units of amphetamines and depressants to DEA undercover agents between April and June, 1974. Investigation revealed that a great number of pharmacies in the New Orleans area were refusing to honor this doctor's prescriptions because of the great number of prescriptions being issued by him. It is estimated that this doctor is diverting approximately 150,000 dosage units of amphetamines per month.

Information obtained throughout Region 8 from local law enforcement agencies indicates that an average of 80% of legitimate amphetamines in the illegal market are from prescribing and/or dispensing physicians. The remaining 20% are from retail/wholesale thefts and forged prescriptions. It is the consensus of state and local police laboratories throughout Region 8 that the majority (approximately 85%) of all amphetamines analyzed are legitimately manufactured. The remaining 15% would be clandestinely manufactured.

Tightening controls over amphetamines also encouraged many abusers to settle for lower scheduled anorectics. The advent of methamphetamine and phenmetrazine (Preludin) also encouraged