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Legitimate amphetamine diversion has never been a sizeable problem in Region 12. We have from time to time found it necessary to initiate criminal investigations against practitioners in the field of medicine and pharmacy to stop diversions. The prescribing of amphetamine by physicians has dropped greatly in the past few years.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation Crime Lab for Colorado reports 10% of the amphetamine received by them are diverted legitimate products. Informants have not reported knowledge of diversions in the recent past any where in the Region.

Contact made with Denver Police Department special forged prescription squad reported that 20% of all prescriptions are passed without difficulty in drug stores in Denver area.

Contact with Colorado Bureau of Investigation revealed that approximately 10% of all amphetamines analyzed are from legitimate sources.

With the exception of single dosage units obtained in street arrests police laboratories in Phoenix, Arizona report little experience with legitimately manufactured amphetamines.