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A review of order forms retained over a period of years has shown a remarkable decrease in the purchase of amphetamines by physicians known to have previously dispensed amphetamines. Only one physician, in Tucson, Arizona, was found to be dispensing amphetamines to patients for periods of more than 21 days. Some of this physician's patients have been on amphetamine therapy for periods in excess of one year.

Indications are that weight control physicians in Region 12 have switched from amphetamines to such anorectics as phendimetrazine and phentermine.