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The availability of legitimately produced amphetamines through illegal channels throughout Region 13 is sporadic. From all available information, it appears that one of the primary sources of legitimately produced amphetamines obtained through illegal channels is the result of pharmacy burglaries and forged prescriptions. Another source appears to be physicians and weight control clinics dispensing and prescribing amphetamines beyond the short term usage recommendation of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The consensus of opinions from state and local law enforcement agencies within Region 13 is that the source of legitimately manufactured amphetamines through illegal channels is predominantly from burglarized pharmacies and forged prescriptions. A supplemental source appears to be physicians and weight control clinics dispensing and prescribing amphetamines beyond the short term usage recommendation of FDA. State regulatory authorities were not able to furnish any estimates or statistics relative to the availability of legitimately manufactured amphetamines through illegal channels.

After a review of six (6) practitioners' records, it was determined that 349 patients were receiving amphetamines