

We recommend that the Food and Drug Administration should be authorized to provide additional support, including grants-in-aid, to State and local agencies in order to improve quality control of prescription drugs in intrastate commerce.

The enforcement of an acceptable quality control program may be expected to have these effects:

- Many reputable manufacturers, both large and small, already maintain acceptable quality control programs, and will merely be obliged to continue them.
- Some manufacturers may elect not to institute such programs, and their products would therefore be found unacceptable for shipment in interstate commerce.
- Other manufacturers will elect to institute and maintain acceptable quality control methods. This may result in slightly higher production costs, which the manufacturers would most probably cover by setting slightly higher prices on their products.

The Task Force is strongly convinced that the added investment of Federal funds to require acceptable quality