

CHAPTER 6

SCOPE OF REVIEW

We limited our review primarily to pharmaceuticals and did not include medical equipment and other supplies. We:

- Reviewed the direct procurement of drugs by Federal agencies.
- Compared selected aspects of the procurement and supply systems of DSA and VA--the two major buyers and suppliers of drugs to Federal medical facilities.
- Evaluated DSA and VA procurement philosophies and practices and determined the extent of interagency coordination and its effect on drug prices paid.
- Reviewed laws and other authorities which control or influence the manufacture, inspection, and sale of drugs.
- Reviewed pertinent policies, procedures, and practices and talked with representatives of organizations involved directly or indirectly in Federal drug procurement.
- Examined records and transactions concerning the matters reviewed.

The organizations we visited or with whose officials we talked were:

DOD:

DMMB, Washington, D.C.
Department of the Army:
Office of the Surgeon General, Washington, D.C.
U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, Phoenixville, Pa.
Walson Army Hospital, Fort Dix, N.J.
Department of the Navy:
Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C.
Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Field Branch, Philadelphia, Pa.
U.S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.