

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY 12073

Profile," a "Social Summary" from the county, a "Patient Detail Profile" showing physicians and hospital activity regarding the recipient, as well as other pertinent information.

The Committee evaluates and recommends corrective action. Based upon a number of parameters, for example, recipients who visit more than one physician and/or one pharmacy and receive the same drug, recipients who receive prescriptions costing more than \$25 per prescription, recipients who receive more than five prescriptions per month, et cetera, in "drug utilization review" cases are developed. Literally hundreds of letters are mailed to Pharmacists, Physicians, and County personnel.

We consider the activities of these three drug committees are essential contributions to the success of the Colorado Medicaid Drug Program.

A brief resume is in order of the overview for the procedures governing the Program in the State of Colorado.

BILLING FORM AND PLASTIC IDENTIFICATION CARD:

The Drug Program in the State of Colorado utilizes a three-part individual prescription billing form in conjunction with a plastic I.D. card, which is used with a data recorder. There have been, and still exist, problems concerning the use of a plastic I.D. card, a Medicaid Authorization Card, and the data recorder. It is my personal feeling that the plastic I.D. card has been beneficial in recording the State I.D. Number on the billing forms.