

12346 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

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Hearing Clerk
Food and Drug Administration
Room 4-65, Parklawn Building
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Re: Comments on Proposals Entitled:

1. "Maximum Allowable Cost for Drugs", Federal Register of November 15, 1974 (39 FR 40302);
2. "Reimbursement of Drug Costs -- Medical Assistance Program", Federal Register of November 27, 1974 (39 FR 41480);
3. "Public Health Service Health Services Delivery Programs Maximum Allowable Cost for Drugs" Federal Register of January 20, 1975 (40 FR 3218); and
4. "Federal Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled -- Allowable Cost for Drugs" Federal Register of January 20, 1975 (40 FR 3219).

Dear Sir:

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association is a voluntary, non-profit membership association composed of 115 companies engaged in the development and production of prescription and ethically promoted over-the-counter drugs. These companies account for the research, development and introduction of more than 90 percent of the new drugs introduced in the United States. In accordance with the above Federal Register notices, we herewith submit our views in quintuplicate. A number of our member firms may also file individual statements on their own behalf.