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### RETRACTION – Drug Reimbursement Methodology Change

Last month we announced that effective July 1, 2005, drug reimbursement in the MVMA service area would be based on the Average Sales Price (ASP) methodology now utilized by The Centers for Medicare Services (CMS). However, due to an MVP system upgrade currently in progress, this has been delayed until the fall for our region and is targeted for September 1. The current drug reimbursement under the Average Wholesale Price (AWP) methodology will remain in place at the December 2004 rate, as CMS has not updated the AWP since that time.

The RBRVS fee schedule update is in place, as was previously announced.

