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- TO: Pharmacies Participating in MassHealth
- FROM: Wendy E. Warring, Commissioner Meuufharrin
 - RE: Usual and Customary Charge

Revised DefinitionOn August 3, 2002, The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy
eliminated the following sentence from its definition of "Usual and
Customary Charge" at 114.3 CMR 31.02: "If a provider can demonstrate
to the appropriate governmental agency that a particular contract
represents less than 1% of its total prescription revenue, the agency may
eliminate that contract from consideration in determining the lowest cost."Effective August 3, 2002, MassHealth pharmacy providers may no longer
exclude such contracts in the calculation of its "Usual and Customary
Charge" as defined in the Division's regulations at 130 CMR 450.402.QuestionsIf you have questions about this bulletin, call the ACS Helpdesk at
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