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DISTRIBUTED DATA COLLECTION (DDC) FOR
RISK ADJUSTMENT (RA) INCLUDING HIGH COST RISK
POOL (HCRP):
QUESTION AND ANSWER (Q&A)

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EDGE Server Announcements

Updates: NDC Reference Tables

- **Background**

- Prior to October 31, 2018, CMS created the NDC Reference data list with an FDA data source called Structured Product Labeling (SPL).
- The SPL includes “alien” drugs unsupported by the FDA resulting in these drugs being included in the *initial* NDC Reference Data tables.
- Alien drugs are:
 - Typically low cost drugs (no issuers reported HCRP impact)
 - Do not map to RXCs (no RA impact)
- Once CMS realized “alien” drugs were inadvertently included, we
 - End dated these drugs to October 31, 2018
 - Changed data sources to the RxNorm (prescription subset within the RXNSAT file) and Orange Book

- **Issue**

- When issuers continue to submit the “alien” drugs that were end dated, the claims are rejected on the EDGE server.

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- **Mitigation**

- Upon review of all NDCs end dated October 31, 2018, CMS will delete 44,703 “alien” drug NDCs.
- **3/11/2020**: CMS deploys Reference Table Updates to Test and Production zones.
- **3/16/2020**: Updated Global Reference Data files with deleted NDCs post to the REGTAP Library
- **3/17/2020**: Issuers can submit/resubmit “alien” drug NDCs with an 01 qualifier to EDGE Server

- For additional information on the Global Reference Data files, please email the FMCC at: EDGE_Server_Data@cms.hhs.gov.