We are developing an on-going process to update NDC edits. As a first step we have updated NDCs for

- Needles for insulin administration
- CAVERJECT
- MYSOLINE
- XOPENEX HFA
- AVONEX

These updates were applied to PDEs submitted since July 20 for dates of service since Jan 1, 2006. The specific NDCs are listed below. For additional questions please contact our customer service contractor at www.CSSCOperations.com or 1-877-534-CSSC (2772).

Several submitters and plans have asked about the business rules we use for edit 735, "The NDC is invalid. The NDC does not match a valid code on the NDC database". DDPS issues 735 when the NDC does not exist on the NDC Common Table, the table we use to implement NDC edits. NDCs that a manufacturer declared obsolete before January 2002 were excluded from the initial load of the DDPS NDC Common Table. All 735 rejects we have investigated to date have occurred because the reported NDC is obsolete. We are aware that some payers continue to accept obsolete NDCs from pharmacies even when these NDCs do not accurately describe the drug that was dispensed. In Part D, plans must submit NDCs that are current and correctly describe the drug being dispensed. If you believe that the pharmacy currently dispenses a drug that is accurately described by an NDC that was declared obsolete before January 2002, please contact the CSSC.

NDC	DESCRIPTION
00169185255	NOVOFINE 31
37205041878	LEADER PEN NEEDLES
38396047002	RELION PEN
00169185250	NOVOFINE 30
00169185255	NOVOFINE 31
08290320109	BD SHORT NEEDLES
08290320119	PEN NEEDLE
08290328203	BD SHORT NEEDLES
08214998921	PEN NEEDLES
08470353001	UNIFINE PENTIPS
63402051001	XO PEN EX (INHALER)
00009370113	CAVERJECT
00009370113	CAVERJECT
00009518201	CAVERJECT
66490069110	MYSOLINE
54868368900	MYSOLINE
54868368901	MYSOLINE
54868368902	MYSOLINE
54868368903	MYSOLINE
59075069181	MYSOLINE
66490069050	MYSOLINE
66490069111	MYSOLINE
59627000103	AVONEX