



Blue Shield of California Chooses Argus' Rebate Administration System

KANSAS CITY, MO (July, 19 2000) - Blue Shield of California (BSC), one of the State of California's leading health care companies, has just just added Argus Health Systems' industry-leading Rebate Administration System to the suite of services it receives from Argus.

Highlights of the many benefits Blue Shield of California will gain from the rebate system include faster turnaround time to invoice manufacturers, automated claim loading and reporting, and faster update capability or adding new drugs to the system.

Other services Argus provides to BSC include pharmacy claims processing, drug management programs, pharmacy network support, member support, ad hoc reporting and analysis, and management reporting.

Argus Health Systems is the leading independent provider of claims processing, information services and administrative support for pharmacy program management. Since its founding in 1983, Argus has grown from processing 1 million claims to processing more than 172 million claims for 24 million members. Argus is a pharmacy benefit partner - offering full disclosure, and a broad range of products and services to fully satisfy customer needs. A proven tradition of excellence as a claims processor, processing hundreds of edits per second for more than 270,000 unique benefit plans, helps further set Argus apart. Building on this solid foundation, Argus has expanded its offering to include reporting features, reimbursements, call center, pharmacy network management, clinical information services and rebates. Argus' goal is to provide a total package of pharmacy benefit capabilities to its customers.

Blue Shield of California (www.blueshieldca.com), an independent member of the Blue Shield Association, is California's second largest not-for-profit health plan. Headquartered in San Francisco, its health maintenance organization and preferred provider organization have a combined membership of 2.1 million members and annual revenue of \$3.5 billion.

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