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RED BOOK Flat File

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RED BOOK and AWP

As the healthcare market deals with uncertainty around the future availability of Average Wholesale Price (AWP) as a benchmark, RED BOOK will stay the course and continue to supply this needed information. Our policy and methodology on AWP has remained consistent.

RED BOOK Deliverables

RED BOOK flat files are available in a variety of extracts and update frequencies to meet your needs. Options range from basic drug-definition data to advanced files that provide additional chemical information for drug utilization review,
screening patient profiles and formulary management. Supporting tables included in each flat file deliverable provide mapping from fields in the drug file(s) to the appropriate code table. For example, the Orange Book table provides the textual description of the codes used to populate the Orange Book field in the drug file.

RED BOOK SELECT

RED BOOK SELECT is a fixed, ASCII (text files) flat file that is available in weekly, monthly, and quarterly deliverable frequencies. SELECT features over 40 fields of prices and descriptions, including Record Change Indicator, Current National Drug Code (NDC), Previous NDC, Additional Description, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Class Code, Drug Efficacy Study Implementation (DESI) Status, Product Name, Route, Strength, Form, Manufacturer, Package Quantity/Size/ Volume, Unit Dose status, Single/ Multiple Source status, Therapeutic Classification Codes, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes, and the following pricing fields:

– AWP: Current Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date; first Previous Unit Price

– Direct Price (DP): CurrentPackage Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date; first Previous Unit Price

– Federal Upper Limit (FUL): Current Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date; first Previous Unit Price

RED BOOK EXPANDED

RED BOOK EXPANDED is a fixed, ASCII (text files) flat file that is available in weekly, monthly, and quarterly deliverable frequencies. EXPANDED features over 100 fields of prices and descriptions, including all the data in SELECT plus Deactivate and Reactivate status and effective dates, Orange Book Code and Standard flag, and the following pricing fields:

– AWP: Current Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date; first Previous Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date; second Previous Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date

– Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC): Current Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date; first Previous Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date; second Previous Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date

– DP: Current Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date; first Previous Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date; second Previous Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date

– FUL: Current Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date; first Previous Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date; second Previous Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date

– Suggested Retail Price (SRP): Current Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date; first Previous Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date; second Previous Package Price, Unit Price, and Effective Date

RED BOOK ADVANCED

RED BOOK ADVANCED is a fixed, ASCII (relational tables) flat file that is available in weekly and monthly deliverable frequencies. ADVANCED features the data and pricing in EXPANDED as well as Reused NDC flag, Modified NDC Label, and the following enhanced functionality: Alternate Form ID, Package ID, Product ID, Product Name ID, Ultimedex Code, Script ID, Composite Generic ID, Composite Size ID, and Generic Pricing.

Field definitions and complete data set inclusion for each deliverable can be found in the RED BOOK DATABASE SERVICES PRODUCT GUIDE.

About Merative

Merative is a data, analytics and technology partner for the health industry, including providers, payers, life sciences companies and governments. With trusted technology and human expertise, Merative works with clients to drive real progress. Merative helps clients reassemble information and insights around the people they serve to improve healthcare delivery, decision making and performance. Merative, formerly IBM Watson Health, became a new standalone company as part of Francisco Partners in 2022.

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