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Telephone Conversation between Mr. Thomas Bizzaro, Vice-President of the National Council of Prescription Drug Plans and Mr. Steven A. Tucker, Food and Drug Administration

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I telephoned Mr. Bizzaro to discuss the potential insurance coverage for non-CFC albuterol inhalers. Mr. Bizzaro thought that there would be a fairly high impact on prescription drug plans because most plans covered albuterol. Generic albuterol was a tier 1 product, but HFA formulated products were tier 2 or 3. He thought this might change if the reformulated product was the only product available. He estimated that about 80 percent of all health plans provided some sort of prescription drug coverage and he thought the Bureau of Census may have recently issued a report on coverage. He promised to poll some of the other members of NCPDP on the issue and get back to me.