

Consumer Price Index Revision

The Pharmacy Benefits Management/Strategic Health Group, VA National Headquarters, Pharmacy Service has received several requests for the latest annual Consumer Price Index percent increase of prescription drugs at the retail level. We hope the following calculated information may be helpful for projecting the Fiscal Year Pharmacy Budget.

Survey: Consumer Price Index - Urban (CPI-U)

Industry: Pharmaceutical Preparations

Product: Pharmaceutical Preparations, Prescription

Estimated CPI-U Percent Increase 1998 to 2006

The Annual CPI-U (September to September) percent increase used for the listed years follows:

1998 = 2.15%

1999 = 1.49%

2000 = 2.63%

2001 = 3.45%

2002 = 2.65%

2003 = 1.51%

2004 = 2.54%

2005 = 4.69%

2006 = 2.06%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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