



**FAX ALERT**

**Date:** February 19, 2008

**To:** Health Plan of Nevada, Inc. and Sierra Health and Life Insurance Company, Inc. contracted providers

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**Subject:** Actavis fentanyl patches recall (all strengths)

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Actavis Inc. announced a nationwide recall of certain lots of Fentanyl transdermal system CII Patches sold in the United States and labeled with an Abrika or Actavis label.

The patches being recalled may have a fold-over defect which may cause the patch to leak and expose patients or caregivers directly to the fentanyl gel. Fentanyl patches that are leaking or damaged in any way should not be used. Exposure to fentanyl gel may lead to serious adverse events, including respiratory depression and possible overdose, which may be fatal. Anyone who comes in contact with fentanyl gel should thoroughly rinse exposed skin with large amounts of water only; do not use soap. Immediately dispose of affected patches that may be damaged or compromised in any way by flushing them down the toilet, using caution not to handle them directly. Damaged and/or compromised patches that have leaked gel will not provide effective pain relief.

**The lots covered by this recall are:** 27261 (exp 05/09), 27317 (exp 05/09), 27318 (exp 06/09), 27319 (exp 06/09), 27391 (exp 06/09), 27409 (exp 06/09), 27475 (exp 07/09), 27476 (exp 06/09), 27488 (exp 06/09), 27514 (exp 07/09), 27536 (exp 07/09), 27537 (exp 08/09), 27538 (exp 08/09), 27545 (exp 07/09), covering the following strengths: 25 mcg/hr, 50 mcg/hr, 75 mcg/hr and 100 mcg/hr.

- Actavis Fentanyl Transdermal System, 25 mcg/hr. NDC 67767-120-18.
- Actavis Fentanyl Transdermal System, 50 mcg/hr. NDC 67767-121-18.
- Actavis Fentanyl Transdermal System, 75 mcg/hr. NDC 67767-122-18.
- Actavis Fentanyl Transdermal System, 100 mcg/hr. NDC 67767-123-18.

Anyone who has fentanyl patches labeled with an Actavis or Abrika label should check them for these lot numbers.

Anyone with Actavis Fentanyl transdermal system patches with the above listed lot numbers should call 1 877 422 7452.

Patients using fentanyl patches who have medical questions should contact their health-care providers.

To view the FDA MedWatch information, follow the link below:  
<http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2008/safety08.htm#Fentanyl>