

**FEDERAL MEDICAID NOTICE**  
**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

Pursuant to 42 CFR 447.205, the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (Department) gives notice of the Department's intent to change its methods and standards for Medicaid payment for prescribed drugs, effective January 1, 2024.

The Department is proposing to update the Professional Dispensing Fee (PDF) for prescribed drugs dispensed by enrolled Medicaid pharmacy providers under the fee-for-service pharmacy benefit.

The proposed updates to pharmacy Professional Dispensing Fees are supported by the most recent Cost of Dispensing survey performed in 2022 by Myers and Stauffer LLC in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 5164.752. In setting the below rates, the Department considered costs which are incurred by pharmacies in excess of the ingredient cost component of reimbursement, including but not limited to, the pharmacist's time in checking the computer for information about an individual's coverage, performing drug utilization review and preferred drug list review activities, measurement or mixing of the covered outpatient drug, filling the container, beneficiary counseling, physically providing the completed prescription to the Medicaid beneficiary, delivery, special packaging, and overhead associated with maintaining the facility and equipment necessary to operate the pharmacy.

Under the proposed revisions to the Professional Dispensing Fees, providers will experience either no change to current payment rates or an increase, according to the following schedule:

<u>Current PDF Tier Amount</u>	<u>Proposed New PDF Tier Amount</u>
\$ 8.30	\$ 8.30 [no change]
\$ 9.51	\$ 9.51 [no change]
\$ 10.80	\$ 11.40 [increase of 5.6%]
\$ 13.64	\$ 15.47 [increase of 13.4%]

Pharmacy tier assignment methodology will not change at this time. Pharmacy dispensing fee tiers will continue to be assigned according to pharmacy annual prescription volume. Managed care pharmacy dispensing fees under the Single Pharmacy Benefit Manager (SPBM) program are not impacted by this change.

Implementation of this change in the methods and standards for setting payment rates is expected to increase annual aggregate expenditures for prescribed drugs by approximately \$2.2 million.

Any person may examine and obtain a copy of the changes, without charge, at the following locations:

Ohio Department of Medicaid, 50 West Town Street, 4th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215; or  
Any county department of job and family services.

Written comments regarding these changes may be sent to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, Attn.: Sean Eckard, 50 West Town Street, Fourth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414 and may be

reviewed at the same location. Comments may also be provided by e-mail at the following address: MedicaidSPBM@medicaid.ohio.gov. Comments must be received by October 31, 2023.

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