

INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2306-MC-FFS

DATE: January 13, 2022

TO: Iowa Medicaid Pharmacies

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid

RE: 2022 Pharmacy Cost of Dispensing Survey

EFFECTIVE: Upon Receipt

Background

During the 2013 Iowa legislative session, the 85th Iowa General Assembly enacted the requirement that DHS base the dispensing fee on the cost of dispensing survey performed by the Department. Since 2014, all pharmacies participating in the medical assistance program have been required to complete the survey every two years. Any dispensing fee expenses, required under Senate File 446, that specifically identify a pharmacy or a provider's individual cost will remain confidential. Any change to the dispensing fee requires that the Department obtain approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) through the state plan process. An increase to the fee may also require legislative action for additional funding.

Process

Iowa Medicaid has contracted with the firm Myers and Stauffer LC to conduct a dispensing cost survey. Myers and Stauffer LC is a national accounting and consulting firm that specializes in assisting state Medicaid agencies in a multitude of health care provider settings. Instructions for completion of the cost of dispensing survey will be included with the survey packet.

Important Dates

Cost of dispensing surveys mailed to pharmacies	February 2, 2022
Cost of dispensing survey due date	March 30, 2022
Implementation of dispensing fee	TBD

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