

Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Increase and Pricing Methodology Change

Effective November 1, 2015 (pending CMS approval), Nevada Medicaid will be increasing the professional dispensing fee and implementing a new drug pricing methodology using National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) files. This is a two-part change to be in compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

1. The professional dispensing fee for outpatient and retail pharmaceuticals will be increased.
 - a. The State's dispensing fee for all outpatient retail pharmacies is increasing from \$4.76 to \$10.17 per prescription.
 - b. IV therapy in long term care (LTC) will receive the same dispensing fee as the retail pharmacies; per policy their rate will be daily.
 - c. The dispensing fee for supplies, including diabetic supplies, will remain unchanged.
2. The Actual Acquisition Cost (AAC) will be modified to utilize the NADAC fee schedule in the pharmacy pricing algorithm.
 - a. NADAC pricing will be added to the pharmacy pricing algorithm for retail and Nevada physician-administered drug (NVPAD) claims. Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) is being changed from WAC +2% to WAC +0%, which will be offered for those drugs not available on NADAC.
 - b. The Incentive Fee Program will remain unchanged.

The above changes will have no impact on the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1987 and supplemental rebate programs.

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