



Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Pharmacy Reimbursement

Effective September 23, 2011, the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) will change how pharmacies in Colorado are reimbursed for dispensing drugs on an outpatient basis for fee-for-service Medicaid clients.

Pharmacies will now be reimbursed for fee-for-service Medicaid clients using a State Maximum Allowable Cost (State MAC) rate, or Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) rate if no State MAC rate is available.

The Department is changing how pharmacies are reimbursed due to Average Wholesale Price (AWP), the primary pricing benchmark used by the Department, no longer being priced by First DataBank (FDB) after September 28, 2011.

The Department does not expect any increase or decrease in annual aggregate expenditures with this change.

General Information

More information on this reimbursement change is posted on the Department's Web site, Colorado.gov/hcpf. Written comments may be addressed to: Director, Medical and CHP+ Program Administration Office, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203.