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Public Notice Regarding Prospective Professional Dispensing Fee Changes

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Pursuant to Sections 1902(a) 13(A) of the Social Security Act, 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 447.205, which mandate that proposed changes in statewide Medicaid payment methods and standards be published and made available for review and comment, this is to advise that:

1. The Missouri Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division provides notice of the following:

To ensure efficiency, economy, quality of care, and access, 13 CSR 70-20.060 Professional Dispensing Fee is amended in conjunction with the State Plan Amendment Attachment 21-0008, effective for dates of service beginning February 1, 2021, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will change the professional dispensing fee applied to pharmacy drug claims for prescribed drugs, including specific MO HealthNet covered non-legend drugs and legend drugs that are prescribed by an authorized prescriber. The MHD estimates a total savings of \$50,617,887 annually as a result of this change.

A. For pharmacy provider claims, a professional dispensing fee will be applied as outlined below.

- a. Out-of-state pharmacy providers receive a professional dispensing fee of \$8.85.
- b. In-state pharmacy providers receive a professional dispensing fee of \$12.22, plus an adjustment to account for the costs of the Missouri Pharmacy Reimbursement Allowance attributable to Medicaid-reimbursed prescriptions.
- c. Long-term care pharmacy providers receive an additional \$0.50 professional dispensing fee.
- d. A professional dispensing shall be added to maintenance medications no more frequently than once every 25 days.

2. MO HealthNet will accept written public comments received within thirty days after publication of this notice and must be sent or delivered to the following address:

MO HealthNet Division
P.O. Box 6500
Jefferson City, MO 65102-6500
Attention: Lisa Smith

Interpretive services are available by calling the Participant Services Unit at 1-800-392-2161.
Prevodilačke usluge su dostupne pozivom odjela koji učestvuje u ovom servisu na broj 1-800-392-2161.
Servicios Interpretativos están disponibles llamando a la unidad de servicios de los participantes al 1-800-392-2161.

AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

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Comments may also be emailed to Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. Please use “Public Comment for Prospective Professional Dispensing Fee Changes” in the subject line. Comments must be received within 30 days after the publication of this public notice.

3. A copy of the proposed Prospective Professional Dispensing Fee Changes is available for public review by going to any Family Support Division Office or by contacting the Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division at Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. These documents also may be viewable online at <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/alerts~public-notices.htm>.
4. No public hearing will be held.