Outpatient Hospital Providers Billing Pharmacy Claims - Reimbursement

The MO HealthNet Division previously notified providers, in provider bulletin volume 41 number 36, dated January 2, 2019, that effective February 1, 2019, reimbursement for pharmacy claims, for outpatient hospital providers, will be determined by applying the following hierarchy methodology:

- National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC); if there is no NADAC,
- Missouri Maximum Allowed Cost (MAC); if there is no NADAC or MAC,
- Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC); or
- The usual and customary (U&C) charge submitted by the provider if it is lower than the chosen price (NADAC, MAC, or WAC).

Reimbursement for 340B providers who carve-in for Medicaid will be reimbursed at WAC minus 25%.

The effective date for this change has been delayed. This change will be effective April 1, 2019.

The MHD may not be billed an amount in excess of the provider's usual and customary charge for a particular service.

Outpatient Hospital Pharmacy benefits are reimbursed through the Fee-for-Service program for Fee-for-Service participants and Managed Care members.
**Provider Bulletins** are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) Web site at [http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm](http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm). Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the provider manuals as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

**MO HealthNet News:** Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at [http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/](http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/) to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient’s MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient’s eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the MO HealthNet ID card.

**Provider Communications Hotline**

573-751-2896