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Pharmacy Program Reimbursement

Applies to: Pharmacy Providers

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In accordance with Section 338.520 of the Missouri Statutes, the tax on annual gross retail prescription receipts will be adjusted on July 1, 2021. The rate will decrease from 1.40% to 0.44%.

Due to the reduction in the Missouri Pharmacy Reimbursement Allowance (Pharmacy Tax), the adjustment to account for the Medicaid-reimbursed prescriptions will be reduced. In-state pharmacy providers will continue to receive a professional dispensing fee of \$12.22, plus an adjustment to account for the cost of the Missouri Pharmacy Reimbursement Allowance attributable to Medicaid-reimbursed prescriptions. The professional dispensing fee plus the current adjusted amount will total \$12.68.

Out-of-state pharmacy providers will continue to receive a professional dispensing fee of \$8.85. Long-term care pharmacy providers supplying covered drugs to participants in long-term care facilities will continue to receive an additional \$0.50 dispensing fee.

Provider Bulletins are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD Web site at <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/> 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

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 red or white card.

**Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896**