

## **PROVIDER BULLETIN**

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### **Pharmacy Program Reimbursement**

**Applies to: Pharmacy Providers**

**Effective Date: September 24, 2021**

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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 October 1, 2021. The rate will increase from 0.44% to 0.63%.

Due to the increase in the Missouri Pharmacy Reimbursement Allowance (Pharmacy Tax), the adjustment to account for the Medicaid-reimbursed prescriptions will be increased effective September 24, 2021. 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 \$12.70.

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.

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The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service

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