
INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2630-MC-FFS

DATE: October 1, 2024

TO: Iowa Medicaid Enrolled Pharmacies

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS),
Iowa Medicaid

RE: 2024 Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Increase

EFFECTIVE: October 1, 2024

Change to Dispensing Fee:

As noted in [Informational Letter \(IL\) No. 2095-MC-FFS](#)¹, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires submission of a state plan amendment (SPA) for a change to the pharmacy dispensing fee. Based on the 2022 Cost of Dispensing survey and appropriations granted to Iowa Medicaid as a result of the 2024 Iowa Legislative Session, the dispensing fee will increase from \$10.38 to \$10.63 effective October 1, 2024.

The 2022 Cost of Dispensing report is posted on the [Iowa Medicaid Pharmacy Reimbursement website](#)² under the “Pharmacy Cost of Dispensing Survey” section.

The dispensing fee is posted on the [Fee Schedules webpage](#)³ (on the [Iowa Department of Health and Human Services website](#)⁴) under the heading “Pharmacy Dispensing Fee.”

¹ [https://secureapp.dhs.state.ia.us/imp/Information/ViewDocument.aspx?viewdocument=\(b4cac59c-23d0-47d7-90f0-d69650c3c0c1\)](https://secureapp.dhs.state.ia.us/imp/Information/ViewDocument.aspx?viewdocument=(b4cac59c-23d0-47d7-90f0-d69650c3c0c1))

² <https://myersandstauffer.com/client-portal/iowa/>

³ <https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/policies-rules-and-regulations/covered-services-rates-and-payments/fee-schedules>

⁴ <https://hhs.iowa.gov/>

Pharmacy Listserv:

For updates regarding pharmacy reimbursement, send your email address to pharmacy@mslc.com to request to be added to the Iowa Medicaid pharmacy listserv.

If you have any questions, please contact the pharmacy unit at Myers & Stauffer by email at pharmacy@mslc.com, by calling toll-free at 1-800-591-1183 or by visiting the [Iowa Medicaid Pharmacy Reimbursement website](#)⁵.

For questions related to the application of the new dispensing fee to a specific claim(s), contact the appropriate pharmacy point-of-sale (POS) claims processor helpdesk.

If you have questions, please contact Iowa Medicaid Provider Services or the appropriate MCO:

Iowa Medicaid Provider Services:

- Phone: 1-800-338-7909
- Email: imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us

Managed Care Organizations (MCOs):

Iowa Total Care:

- Phone: 1-833-404-1061
- Email: providerrelations@iowatotalcare.com
- Website: <https://www.iowatotalcare.com>

Molina Healthcare of Iowa:

- Phone: 1-844-236-1464
- Email: aproviderrelations@molinahealthcare.com
- Website: <https://www.molinahealthcare.com/providers/ia/medicaid/home.aspx>
- Provider Portal: <https://www.availity.com/molinahealthcare>

Wellpoint Iowa, Inc. (formerly Amerigroup Iowa, Inc.):

- Phone: 1-833-731-2143
- Email: ProviderSolutionsIA@wellpoint.com
- Website: <https://www.provider.wellpoint.com/iowa-provider/home>

⁵ <https://myersandstauffer.com/client-portal/iowa/>