

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS.

Medicaid Payment Rates: Pharmacy Dispensing Fees.

7 AAC 145.410. Medicaid Payment Rates; Dispensing fee.



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**Please see the public notice for details about how to
comment on these proposed changes.**

Notes to the reader:

1. Except as discussed in note 2, new text that amends an existing regulation is **bolded and underlined**.
2. If the lead-in line above the text of each section of the regulations states that a new section, subsection, paragraph, or subparagraph is being added, or that an existing section, subsection, paragraph, or subparagraph is being repealed and readopted (replaced), *the new or replaced text is not bolded or underlined*.
3. [ALL-CAPS TEXT WITHIN BRACKETS] indicates text that is to be deleted.
4. When the word “including” is used, Alaska Statutes provide that it means “including, but not limited to.”
5. Only the text that is being changed within a section of the current regulations is included in this draft. Refer to the text of that whole section, published in the current Alaska Administrative Code, to determine how a proposed change relates within the context of the whole section and the whole chapter.

Title 7. Health and Social Services.**Chapter 145. Medicaid Payment Rates.****7 AAC 145.410. Dispensing fee.**

7 AAC 145.410(a)(1) is amended to read:

(1) to a **non-tribal** [NONTRIBAL] pharmacy located on the road system, **\$11.80** [\$15.03] to be paid not more than once every 22 days per pharmacy per covered outpatient drug;

7 AAC 145.410(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) to a **non-tribal** [NONTRIBAL] pharmacy not located on the road system, **\$22.17** [\$26.94] to be paid not more than once every 22 days per pharmacy per covered outpatient drug;

7 AAC 145.410(a)(3) is amended to read:

(3) to a tribal pharmacy, **\$26.81** [\$28.21] to be paid not more than once every 22 days per pharmacy per covered outpatient drug;

7 AAC 145.410(a)(4) is amended to read:

(4) to a **non-tribal** [NONTRIBAL] or tribal mediset pharmacy, \$16.58 to be paid not more than once every 14 days per pharmacy per covered outpatient drug;

7 AAC 145.410(h) is amended to read:

(h) In this section,

(1) “congregate living home” includes a long-term care facility, an assisted living home licensed under AS 47.32, a residential psychiatric treatment center, or other group home;

(2) “mediset” means a quantity or unit dose of a prescription covered outpatient drug that the provider repackages into single-dose packing to help a recipient adhere to difficult dosing regimens;

(3) “mediset pharmacy” means a pharmacy dispensing 75 percent or more of the total annual Medicaid prescriptions for covered outpatient drugs in prescriber-ordered medisets or unit doses to a recipient living in a congregate living home, a recipient of home and community-based waiver services, a recipient eligible for Medicaid under a category set out in 7 AAC 100.002(b) or (d) who is blind or disabled, a recipient who is an adult experiencing a serious mental illness as described in 7 AAC 135.055, or a recipient who is a child experiencing a severe emotional disturbance as described in 7 AAC 135.065;

(4) **“non-tribal pharmacy” means a pharmacy that does not meet the definition for “tribal health program” under 7 AAC 160.990(b);**

(5) “out-of-state pharmacy” means a pharmacy that is physically located in a state other than this state;

(6) [(5)] “pharmacy located on the road system” means a pharmacy that is located in this state and is connected to Anchorage by road;

(7) [(6)] “pharmacy not located on the road system” means a pharmacy that is located in this state and is not connected to Anchorage by road;

(8) “tribal pharmacy” means a pharmacy that meets the definition for “tribal health program” under 7 AAC 160.990(b);

(9) [(7)] “unit dose” means a quantity of a covered outpatient drug that the provider repackages into single dosage packing.

(Eff. 2/1/2010, Register 193; am 1/1/2011, Register 196; am 9/7/2011, Register 199; am 1/4/2012, Register 201; am 5/18/2014, Register 210; am 6/16/2016, Register 218; am 7/1/2019, Register 231; am 4/24/2020, Register 234; am 1/10/2021, Register 237; am 8/16/2024, Register 251; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

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