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**TO:** Triptaa Surve, Project Coordinator  
Department of Health

**FROM:** April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator   
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

**DATE:** September 8, 2025

**RE:** Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Health

Department of Health regulations re: Medicaid payment rates for pharmacy dispensing fees (7 AAC 145.410)

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Attorney General File: 2025200194

Regulation Filed: 9/8/2025

Effective Date: 10/8/2025

Print: 256, January 2026

cc with enclosures: Beth Parsons, Paralegal 2  
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September 4, 2025

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom  
Lieutenant Governor  
State of Alaska  
P.O. Box 110015  
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Re: 7 AAC 145.410: DOH - Medicaid payment rates for pharmacy  
dispensing fees  
Our file: 2025200194

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Department of Health against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Department of Health after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern Medicaid payment rates, setting dispensing fees for pharmacies.

The July 3, 2025 public notice and September 4, 2025 adoption order state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

No technical corrections were necessary to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. COX  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: Rebecca C Polizzotto  
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Chief Assistant Attorney General  
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CC w/enclosure: Triptaa Surve, Project Coordinator  
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Laura O. Russell, Assistant Attorney General  
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ORDER ADOPTING CHANGES TO REGULATIONS  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The attached three pages of regulations, dealing with Medicaid Payment Rates for Pharmacy Dispensing Fees, are adopted and certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Department of Health adopts under the authority of AS 47.05.010, AS 47.07.030, AS 47.07.040, and AS 47.07.065, and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Although no public comments were received, the Department of Health paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes adopted under this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

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Heidi Hedberg, Commissioner  
Department of Health

*April Simpson for*

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on September 8,  
2025, at 2:50 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 -  
44.62.120.

*for*   
Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom

Effective: October 8, 2025

Register: 256, January 2026

**FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY**

**I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:**

**April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.**



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

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

Register 256, January 2026

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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 10 / 8 / 2025, Register 256 )

**Authority:** AS 47.05.010

AS 47.07.040

**AS 47.07.065**

AS 47.07.030