



August 25, 2016

Re: Rhode Island Medicaid Pharmacy Cost of Dispensing Survey

Dear Pharmacy Owner/Manager:

State Medicaid agencies are being directed by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to adopt fee-for service pharmacy payment policies designed to pay pharmacies for the actual acquisition cost of drugs plus a reasonable professional dispensing fee, based on the actual cost to the pharmacy of dispensing drugs to Medicaid beneficiaries.

This letter is to inform you that the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services will be performing a pharmacy cost of dispensing survey to analyze the cost of dispensing prescription medications to Rhode Island Medicaid beneficiaries. To perform this survey Rhode Island has partnered with the New England States Consortium Systems Organization (NESCSO) and the accounting firm of Myers and Stauffer LC, a reputable firm with extensive experience in pharmacy costs and reimbursement.

In the next couple of weeks you will be receiving a pharmacy cost of dispensing survey packet as part of the process to evaluate the costs associated with dispensing prescription medication. All Rhode Island Medicaid pharmacy providers should complete the survey.

Your cooperation in providing the information for this survey process will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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