

Utah Medicaid Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Schedule

The usual and customary Medicaid Dispensing fees are as follows:

- \$3.90 for urban pharmacy providers (Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, and Utah Counties)
- \$4.40 for rural pharmacy providers
- \$1.00 for oral contraceptives and insulin, covered OTC products and antacids.

Special dispensing fees associated with Home Infusion Pharmacy Services:

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), as part of a legal process, established a "true AWP" for 437 NDC specific products in 2001. The "true AWP" is close to actual acquisition costs. As a result of the directive from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), effective August 1, 2001, the Division of Health Care Financing has established multiple dispensing fees associated with select home infusion pharmacy services. To implement this change in dispensing fees, the Division consulted with representatives of the home I.V. infusion specialty pharmacies. As a result, the Division placed each of the 437 NDCs in one of five categories, according to difficulty of preparation and overhead costs.

Categories range from J through M. Category one is for services deemed to be the same as those prescriptions normally filled at a typical retail pharmacy. Category five is the most difficult and expensive to prepare.

- Category J includes nebulizer preparations, growth hormone, etc.
- Category K includes simple I.V. antibiotics, anticoagulant treatments, I.V. gamma globulin, etc.
- Category L includes complex antibiotics that require laboratory monitoring and reporting.
- Category M includes chemotherapy I.V.s, pain management, and cardiac ionotropics. For example, chemotherapy requires a separate vertical hood and complete gowning to meet OSHA standards, which adds considerable expense of time and set-up costs.

Categories two through five will have a new dispensing fee effective August 1, 2001.

- Category J \$ 8.90
- Category K \$ 18.90
- Category L \$ 22.90
- Category M \$ 33.90

The NDCs identified by the DOJ then and in the future will be linked to their counterparts for other manufacturers. Other brands will be reimbursed at the same rate as the DOJ's NDCs. All pharmacies will be reimbursed at the same rate for these NDCs.