



Iowa Department of Human Services

INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1959-MC-FFS

DATE: October 22, 2018

TO: Iowa Medicaid Pharmacies and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

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

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Change

EFFECTIVE: November 1, 2018

Update on Dispensing Fee (DF):

As noted in [Informational Letter 1925](#)¹ a State Plan Amendment (SPA) was submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a dispensing fee increase from \$10.02 to \$10.07 based on the 2018 Cost of Dispensing (COD) survey. CMS has approved the dispensing fee of \$10.07 with an effective date of November 1, 2018.

The [2018 COD report](#)² is posted on the [Iowa Medicaid Pharmacy Reimbursement website](#)³ under COD Survey.

The dispensing fee is posted on the [DHS website](#)⁴ under the heading Pharmacy Dispensing Fee.

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 questions, please contact the pharmacy unit of Myers and 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](#).

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 help desk for the member's plan.

¹ https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1925-MC-FFS_PharmacyDispensingFeeIncrease.pdf

² http://www.mslc.com/uploadedFiles/Iowa/COD/IA_2018_COD_Report_FINAL.pdf

³ <http://www.mslc.com/iowa/default.aspx>

⁴ <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/csrp/fee-schedule>