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TO: Pharmacy Providers Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program

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RE: Pharmacy claims pricing issues

Please Share This Information With Administrative, Clinical, Billing/IT Staff and Trading Partners.

The Estimated Acquisition Cost (EAC) for Nebraska Medicaid pharmacy claims is defined in 471 NAC 16-005.02C as "... the average wholesale price (AWP) as published by First Data Bank less eleven percent." Because First Data Bank stopped updating AWP pricing in late September 2011, Nebraska is in the process of updating this regulation to revise this calculation. Once these regulations are finalized, the calculation of EAC will be changed to Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) plus 6.8 percent.

The Department is aware that manufacturer price increases are not reflected in the current First Data Bank AWP prices. However, these price increases are reflected in the WAC prices. Once the change reflected in the regulations is effective, pharmacies will be allowed to reprocess claims to capture the price increases. Pharmacies will be notified once the regulations are effective and the system changes are in place.

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