

**To:** Nebraska Medicaid Managed Care Plans  
**From:** Matthew Ahern, Interim Director *MLA*  
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**Re:** Changes to the Pharmacy Professional Dispensing Fee

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This health plan advisory is being issued to notify Nebraska Medicaid's Heritage Health Plans that the professional dispensing fee for certain pharmacies is being increased from \$10.02 to \$10.38, **effective July 1, 2024.**

This change comes due to the passage of LB204 which increases the professional dispensing fee to \$10.38 for the following groups:

- Fee-for-Service: All pharmacy providers will receive the professional dispensing rate increase.
- Managed Care: Pharmacies classified as independent pharmacies will receive the professional dispensing rate increase. Per [LB204](#) and [Nebraska Revised Statute 71-425](#), an independent pharmacy is defined as a pharmacy that owns 6 or fewer locations.

Long-term care pharmacy providers will continue to receive one dispensing fee per month per prescription for services provided to nursing and intermediate care facilities.

Tribal rates will continue to be reimbursed at the federal encounter rate.

If you have questions, please contact [DHHSMedicaidPharmacyUnit@Nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHSMedicaidPharmacyUnit@Nebraska.gov).

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