



August 26, 2016

Subject: Ohio Professional Dispensing Fee Survey

Dear Pharmacy Owner or Manager:

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) requests your participation in a survey of Ohio pharmacies for the cost of dispensing medications to Ohio Medicaid beneficiaries. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published the federal Covered Outpatient Drugs Final Rule (CMS-2345-FC) on January 21, 2016. To comply with the Final Rule, ODM has contracted with Mercer Government Human Services Consulting (Mercer), a part of Mercer Health & Benefits LLC, to conduct a professional dispensing fee (PDF) survey to better understand and approximate the current cost of dispensing prescription medications to Ohio Medicaid beneficiaries. The survey and analysis will support ODM's overall understanding and evaluation of its pharmacy reimbursement components and the impact to the cost of dispensing prescription medications in Ohio.

The ODM collaborated with Mercer to develop the PDF survey for pharmacy providers in Ohio. Participation in the survey is mandatory in accordance with the provisions in the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 5164.752. Your responses will be a significant component in understanding and approximating the cost to dispense prescription medications to Ohio Medicaid beneficiaries.

The ODM and Mercer will host a stakeholder webinar to review the survey and survey process and solicit feedback from pharmacy stakeholders prior to the final survey development. The information for this stakeholder meeting is as follows:

Wednesday, August 31, 2016
10:30am – 12:00pm

Please join the meeting via webinar and conference line. Details for how to access the webinar and conference line, as well as draft survey materials can be found at the Mercer website:

<https://ghscapps.mercer.com/ohpharmacy/>

ODM and Mercer will also host an informational webinar on September 13, 2016 from 10:00 to 12:00 to give providers an opportunity to view the final survey and to answer any questions providers may have about the survey and survey process. Registration information will be available on the Ohio Dispensing Fee Survey website here: <https://ghscapps.mercer.com/ohpharmacy/> on September 7.

Thank you for your participation.