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Dear Provider,

On January 21, 2016, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published the federal Covered Outpatient Drugs Final Rule (CMS-2345-FC) to address the rise in prescription drug costs by ensuring that Medicaid programs reform payment methodologies for prescription drugs and to ensure drug rebates accurately account for market prices.

The regulation requires state Medicaid programs to reimburse drugs at actual acquisition cost plus a professional dispensing fee by April 1, 2017.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has contracted with a company, Mercer, to conduct a pharmacy cost of dispensing survey in order to obtain information on the costs associated with dispensing covered outpatient drugs to Wisconsin ForwardHealth members.

The data collected will be used to determine the professional dispensing fee. Therefore, all Wisconsin Medicaid-enrolled pharmacies and providers who dispense drugs are required to participate in the survey process.

Today we are contacting you to ensure that we have your correct contact information so the dispensing fee survey is sent to the appropriate location.

**Please go to the following link and submit the requested demographic (e.g., name, address, email, phone) information by May 20, 2016.**

[https://survey.mercer.com/WI\\_Medicaid\\_RxContact.aspx](https://survey.mercer.com/WI_Medicaid_RxContact.aspx)

Providers with questions regarding the survey process are encouraged to contact Mercer via the pharmacy survey hotline at 1-844-294-9982 or by email at [CODSurvey@mercerc.com](mailto:CODSurvey@mercerc.com).

For more information on the Covered Outpatient Drugs Final Rule, DHS has created a ForwardHealth Portal page at:

<https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/content/Provider/medicaid/pharmacy/codp/codp.htm#page>.

This Portal page will be the repository for outpatient drug rule information. Providers are encouraged to check this page regularly for updated information. Additionally, providers are

encouraged to sign up for the Outpatient Drug Rule e-mail subscription option in order to receive important updates at:

<https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/Subsystem/KW/Subscriptions.aspx>.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

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