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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 the 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 professional cost of dispensing survey in order to obtain information on the costs associated with dispensing covered outpatient drugs to 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. The Professional Dispensing Fee Survey will be available beginning **June 1, 2016**, and must be submitted **by June 24, 2016**.

Providers may choose to complete the Professional Dispensing Fee Survey via the web-based tool or the Excel template. The web-based tool is secure and will require a username and password. You can access the web-based survey at

<https://survey.mercer.com/WI2016CODS.aspx> using the following log in information:

- Your log in username is: «Username»
- Your randomly generated password is: «Password»

For password related questions or if you forget your password, email CODSurvey@mercerc.com or call the pharmacy survey hotline at 844-294-9982.

If you prefer not to enter your survey information online, you can download a copy of the survey in Microsoft[®] Excel from the ForwardHealth Portal page listed below. You may also request a copy of the Microsoft[®] Excel template by emailing CODSurvey@mercerc.com. Completed Excel surveys should be emailed back to CODSurvey@mercerc.com.

The Department of Health Services and Mercer will be hosting a technical webinar from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on June 9, 2016, to assist providers with navigating the survey and to answer any questions from providers.

To participate in the technical webinar online, go to <https://mmc.webex.com/mmc/onstage/g.php?MTID=e2604580a11e1c0b4bcb10b90dbfe6f04>. The webinar does not require a passcode. Providers who plan to attend online are encouraged to click the Register button at the bottom of the page and supply their name, email address, and the name of their company.

To participate in the technical webinar by telephone:

- Call 844-401-0574.
- Enter conference identification number: 15937242.

Providers who are unable to attend the technical call will be able to access the recorded session on the Covered Outpatient Drug Pricing page of the ForwardHealth Portal at <https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/content/Provider/medicaid/pharmacy/codp/codp.htm.spage>. The recorded technical call will be available on the Portal by June 13, 2016.

All information collected through this survey will remain confidential. Neither DHS nor Mercer will release or otherwise make public any information that names and/or discloses the business, financial, personnel, or other information provided by providers in the course of completing this survey.

Providers with questions regarding the survey process are encouraged to contact Mercer via the pharmacy survey hotline at 844-294-9982 or by email at CODSurvey@mercer.com.

Refer to the Covered Outpatient Drug Pricing page of the ForwardHealth Portal at <https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/content/Provider/medicaid/pharmacy/codp/codp.htm.spage> for more information on the Covered Outpatient Drugs Final Rule as well as other outpatient drug rule information. Providers are encouraged to check this page regularly for updated information. Additionally, providers are encouraged to go to the ForwardHealth Subscriptions page of the Portal at <https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/Subsystem/KW/Subscriptions.aspx> and sign up for the Outpatient Drug Rule email subscription option in order to receive important updates.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Currans-Henry". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a light gray rectangular background.

Rachel Currans-Henry
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