



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

June 30, 2023

Pharmacy Providers

Effective July 1, 2023

2023 Annual Montana Dispensing Fee Survey

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is performing the annual pharmacy dispensing fee survey as required by Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 37.86.1105. Understanding pharmacies' true cost of dispensing prescriptions is an important factor in assessing the reimbursement needed to sustain a strong network of pharmacies to serve Montana Healthcare Programs members. To ensure DPHHS has the most comprehensive information available to provide your pharmacy a reasonable dispensing fee, we request you complete a confidential survey.

Important Information

- An online survey will be utilized. Access the online survey on the [2023 Montana Healthcare Programs Dispensing Fee Survey webpage](#).
- A **separate** survey for **each** Montana pharmacy is required.
- Please provide the **most recent year's worth of data**. The most recent year's worth of data will depend on how your accounting books are completed (i.e., calendar year, state fiscal year, federal fiscal year, or a year from when you submit the survey).
- For new providers, the survey should be completed and based on **six months** of operation.
- Failure to respond to the survey will result in an assignment to your pharmacy of the minimum dispensing fee based on the lowest calculated cost to dispense, as stated in ARM 37.86.1105 (3)(a) and (3)(b). The lowest calculated cost to dispense is currently \$5.11.
- If your pharmacy's calculated cost to dispense a prescription is less than the established dispensing fee for Montana Healthcare Programs, then the lesser dispensing fee will be applied in the computation of the payment.
- The deadline for the survey is **August 28, 2023**.

You will have the ability to print or save your survey submission after you have clicked Submit. Save a copy of your submission for your records.

Contact and Website Information

If you have questions, please contact Dani Feist, the Pharmacy Program Officer, at (406) 444-2738 or email HRDRxTeam@mt.gov.

For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email [Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk](#).

Visit the [Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Information website](#) to access your provider type page. Choose Resources by Provider Type in the left-hand menu.