
METHODS AND STANDARDS OF ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - OTHER MEDICAL CARE
(Continued)

12 a. Prescribed Drugs

(1) Payment of brand and generic covered outpatient drugs, including select over-the-counter drugs compounded drug products, and select accessory-type medical devices dispensed by an enrolled pharmacy will include the reimbursement for the Actual Acquisition Cost (AAC) of the drug plus a professional dispensing fee (PDF). All covered outpatient drugs and select accessory-type medical devices can be found on the Vermont Department of Health Access website. These products will be reimbursed based on the lowest of:

- a. The National Drug Average Acquisition Cost (NADAC) + PDF;
- b. The Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) + 0% + PDF;
- c. The State Maximum Allowable Cost (SMAC) + PDF;
- d. The Federal Upper Limit (FUL) + PDF
- e. AWP-19% + PDF;
- f. Submitted Ingredient Cost + Submitted dispensing fee;
- g. The provider's Usual and Customary (U&C) charges; or
- h. The Gross Amount Due (GAD).

(2) A Professional Dispensing Fee (PDF) will be paid for (a) through (e) above:

- a. The Professional Dispensing Fee for a retail community, institutional or long-term care pharmacy is \$11.13. The Professional Dispensing Fee for a retail community, institutional or long-term care pharmacy will be increased by \$3.26 for the following dates of service: 6/03/2024 - 6/30/2024.
- b. The Professional Dispensing Fee for specialty drugs including but not limited to biologics and limited distribution drugs is \$17.03.

(3) Payment for Clotting Factors from specialty pharmacies will include the Actual Acquisition Cost (AAC) plus a professional dispensing fee as described in (2) above. Reimbursement shall be the lowest of:

- a. The National Drug Average Acquisition Cost (NADAC) + PDF;
- b. The Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) + 0% + PDF;
- c. The State Maximum Allowable Cost (SMAC) + PDF;
- d. AWP-19% + PDF;
- e. Submitted Ingredient Cost + Submitted dispensing fee;
- f. The provider's Usual and Customary (U&C) charges; or
- g. The Gross Amount Due (GAD).