

Notice of MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology Change

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services

AFFECTED SERVICES: Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 80, Pharmacy Services

NATURE OF PROPOSED CHANGES: The Department of Health and Human Services plans to request approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a State Plan Amendment (SPA) related to reimbursement for drugs purchased through the pharmacy 340B drug pricing program. The 340B drug pricing program is outlined in 42 C.F.R. § 10. The State of Maine plans to reimburse for these drugs at the Average Sales Price (ASP) minus 22.5 percent. The State of Maine also plans to allow for 340B covered entities to carve out of the 340B drug pricing program. The State of Maine will also be requesting to remove the Rural Dispensing Fee Adjustment from the State Plan and Section 80 of the MaineCare Benefits Manual following the approval and implementation of the 2017 dispensing fee increase related to the New England States Consortium Systems Organization (NESCSO) pharmacy cost and dispensing survey.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGES: This change adds the 340B reimbursement methodology to the Maine State Plan in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 10. Additionally, the State is seeking to remove the Rural Dispensing Fee Adjustment from the State Plan following the NESCSO survey and updated dispensing fee implementation.

ESTIMATE OF ANY EXPECTED INCREASE OR DECREASE IN ANNUAL AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES: The Department anticipates that the costs of this rulemaking are unable to be determined at this time.

ACCESS TO PROPOSED CHANGES AND COMMENTS TO PROPOSED CHANGES: The public may review the proposed methodology changes and written comments at any Maine DHHS office in every Maine county. To find out where the Maine DHHS offices are located, call 1-800-452-1926.

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See <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/index.shtml> for rules and related rulemaking documents.