

Kentucky Medicaid Program Public Notice
PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING
MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES FOR THE PHARMACY PROGRAM

July 7, 2026

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services (the Department) in accordance with 42 CFR 447.205, hereby provides public notice of proposed changes to the methods and standards by which the Department will reimburse Pharmacists. The proposed effective date of change is February 1, 2027.

The Department is amending its State Plan to comply with HB 3, which requires Medicaid and KCHIP to adhere to the pharmacy reimbursement requirements established in KRS 304.12-237.

Pharmacists will be reimbursed for all services provided within the legal scope of practice at a rate not less than other non-physician practitioners. Pharmacist reimbursement will be based on a step-down methodology, calculated at 85% of the physician rate.

The Department for Medicaid Services estimates the total fiscal impact will be:

\$39,250.00 (reimbursement)

\$128,100 (system changes)

The proposed change is subject to approval by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and may be modified or revised during the approval process.

Public Comments:

Any interested party may submit questions or comments concerning these proposed changes in reimbursement methods and standards. A copy of this notice is available for public review at the Department for Medicaid Services at the address listed below. It is recommended to include the name of the public notice in the subject line. Comments or inquiries must be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days of the publication date of this notice to the Division of Healthcare Policy at DMSSPAS@KY.GOV.