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July 21, 2017

Mr. Richard Whitley  
Director  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Health Care Financing and Policy  
1100 East William Street  
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Dear Mr. Whitley:

We have reviewed Nevada's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 17-0004, Prescribed Drugs, received in the San Francisco Regional Office on April 27, 2017. This SPA proposes to bring Nevada into compliance with the reimbursement requirements in the Covered Outpatient Drug final rule with comment (CMS-2345-FC). This SPA includes reimbursement for 340B drugs, physician-administered drugs, clotting factor, federal supply schedule, and drugs purchased at nominal price.

Based on the information provided and consistent with the regulations at 42 CFR 430.20, we are pleased to inform you that SPA 17-0004 is approved with an effective date of April 1, 2017. A copy of the signed CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into Nevada's state plan will be forwarded by the San Francisco Regional Office.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Lisa Shochet at (410) 786-5445 or [lisa.shochet@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:lisa.shochet@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covers the signature of the sender. The box is positioned directly below the word "Sincerely," and above the typed name of the sender.

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12. a. Nevada Medicaid will meet all reporting and provision of information requirements of section 1927(b)(2) and the requirements of subsections (d) and (g) of section 1927.

The State assures that the State will not provide reimbursement for an innovator multi-source drug, subject to the Federal Upper Limits (42 CFR 447.332(a)), if, under applicable State law, a less expensive non-innovator multi-source drug could have been dispensed.

1. Payment for multi-source drugs shall be the lowest of (a) Federal Upper Limit (FUL) as established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for listed multi-source drugs plus a professional dispensing fee of \$10.17 per prescription; (b) State Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) plus a professional dispensing fee of \$10.17 per prescription; (c) Actual Acquisition Cost (AAC) plus a professional dispensing fee of \$10.17 per prescription; or (d) the pharmacist's usual and customary charge.
2. Payment for covered outpatient drugs other than multi-source drugs shall not exceed the lower of (a) AAC plus a professional dispensing fee of \$10.17 per prescription; or (b) the pharmacist's usual and customary charge to the general public.
3. Actual Acquisition Cost (AAC) is defined by Nevada Medicaid as the Agency's determination of the actual prices paid by pharmacy providers to acquire drug products marked or sold by specific manufacturers and is based on the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC). Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) + 0% will be offered for those drugs not available on NADAC, plus a professional dispensing fee of \$10.17 per prescription.
4. A generic drug may be considered for MAC pricing if there are two or more therapeutically equivalent, multi-source, non-innovator drugs with a significant cost difference. The MAC will be based on drug status (including non-rebatable, rebatable, obsolete, therapeutic equivalency ratings) marketplace availability and cost. The obsolete drug status will be taken into account to ensure that the MAC pricing is not influenced by the prices listed for obsolete drugs. The \$MAC will be based on drug prices obtained from a nationally recognized comprehensive data file maintained by a vendor under contract with the Department.
5. Ingredient cost reimbursement for 340B covered entities shall be the lowest of (a) AAC, or (b) the 340B ceiling price. A professional dispensing fee of \$10.17 will also be paid.
6. Drugs acquired through the federal 340B drug pricing program and dispensed by 340B contract pharmacies are not covered.
7. For drugs that are purchased outside the 340B program, the ingredient cost reimbursement will be based on AAC plus a professional dispensing fee of \$10.17 per prescription.
8. For drugs purchased through the Federal Supply Schedule (FSS), the ingredient cost reimbursement is based on AAC plus a professional dispensing fee of \$10.17 per prescription.

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9. For drugs acquired at a nominal price (outside of 340B or FSS), the ingredient cost reimbursement is based on AAC plus a professional dispensing fee of \$10.17 per prescription.
10. Providers that are approved to be reimbursed through an encounter rate(s) meet AAC requirements.
11. For drugs (such as specialty drugs) not distributed by a retail community pharmacy, and distributed primarily through the mail, the ingredient cost reimbursement is based on AAC plus a professional dispensing fee of \$10.17 per prescription.
12. For drugs (such as a long-term care facility drugs) not distributed by a retail community pharmacy, the ingredient cost reimbursement will be based on AAC plus a professional dispensing fee of \$10.17 per prescription.
13. For physician-administered drugs, the ingredient cost reimbursement shall be the lowest of (a) MAC; (b) AAC; or (c) the physician's usual and customary charge.
  - a. For 340B physician-administered drugs, the ingredient cost reimbursement will be the lowest of (a) AAC or (b) 340B ceiling price.
14. For clotting factor drugs, ingredient cost reimbursement will be the lowest of AAC plus a professional dispensing fee of \$10.17 per prescription, or the pharmacist's usual and customary charge.
  - a. For clotting factor drugs provided by 340B entities, the ingredient cost reimbursement will be the lowest of (a) AAC, or (b) 340B ceiling price, plus a professional dispensing fee of \$10.17 per prescription.
15. Out-of-state providers will be reimbursed a professional dispensing fee of \$10.17 per prescription.
16. The state of Nevada does not cover investigational drugs.