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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1614

DATE: February 5, 2016
TO: Iowa Medicaid Pharmacies
FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)
RE: Pharmacy Cost of Dispensing Survey
EFFECTIVE: February 3, 2016

Background:

During the 2013 Iowa Legislative session, the 85th Iowa General Assembly enacted the requirement that DHS base the actual dispensing fee on the cost of dispensing survey performed by the department. All pharmacies participating in the medical assistance program are required to complete the survey every two years beginning in SFY14 to SFY15. Any dispensing fee expenses, required to be submitted under Senate File 446, that specifically identifies a pharmacy or a provider's individual cost will remain confidential. Any change to the dispensing fee requires the department to obtain approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) through the state plan process.

Process:

The IME has contracted with the firm Myers and Stauffer LC to conduct a dispensing cost survey. Myers and Stauffer is a national accounting and consulting firm that specializes in assisting state Medicaid agencies in a multitude of health care provider settings. Instructions for completion of the cost of dispensing survey will be included with the survey packet to be mailed in February 2016.

Important Dates:

Cost of Dispensing Surveys Mailed to Pharmacies	February 10, 2016
Cost of Dispensing Survey due Date	March 31, 2016
Implementation of Dispensing Fee	August 1, 2016

Contacting Myers and Stauffer LC Pharmacy Unit:

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To receive assistance with your question or concern, please indicate (regardless of the method of communication chosen) that you are an Iowa Medicaid-participating pharmacy with a question or concern regarding the cost of dispensing survey. If you call and a staff member is not available, you will be asked to leave a message. You will receive a return telephone call within 24 hours during the week (Monday – Friday). At that point additional information may be requested to properly evaluate your concern.