

PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET
Department of Insurance
Division of Health, Life, and Managed Care
(New Administrative Regulation)

806 KAR 17:512. Professional dispensing fee for dispensing a prescription drug or providing other services.

RELATES TO: KRS 304.1-050, 304.2-110, 304.17A-591, 304.17A-595.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 304.17A-595

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 304.2-110(1) authorizes the commissioner to promulgate reasonable administrative regulations necessary for or as an aid to the effectuation of the Kentucky Insurance Code as defined in KRS 304.1-010. KRS 304.17A-595 requires the commissioner to promulgate an administrative regulation to establish the reimbursement for a professional dispensing fee that is not less than the average cost to dispense a prescription drug in a Kentucky ambulatory pharmacy. The purpose of this administrative regulation is to establish the professional dispensing fee to be paid by insurers and pharmacy benefit managers to Kentucky ambulatory pharmacies for each prescription drug or other service provided by the pharmacy or pharmacist. This fee is established by the commissioner pursuant to the requirements of KRS 304.17A-595(2)(c)2.c.ii.

Section 1. Definitions.

- (1) "Ambulatory pharmacy" is defined by KRS 304.17A-595(1)(b).
- (2) "Commissioner" is defined by KRS 304.1-050(1).
- (3) "Dispensing Fee," means the professional dispensing fee established pursuant to KRS 304.17A-595(2)(c)2.c.ii.
- (4) "Health plan" is defined by KRS 304.17A-591(2).
- (5) "Insurer" is defined by KRS 304.17A-591(4).
- (6) "Pharmacy benefit manager" is defined by KRS 304.9-020 and KRS 304.17A-161(4).

Section 2. Dispensing Fee. For health plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2027, insurers and pharmacy benefit managers shall reimburse a Kentucky ambulatory pharmacy a professional dispensing fee of \$16.31 for each prescription drug or other service provided by the pharmacy or pharmacist delivered pursuant to a Health plan.

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SHARON P. CLARK, Commissioner

DJ WASSON, Secretary

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PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held at 9:00 AM on November 24, 2026, at 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. If held, this hearing will be open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted

through 11:59 PM on November 30, 2026. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person below.

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