



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

May 12, 2021

Pharmacy and IHS Providers

2021 Average Acquisition Cost (AAC) Survey

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) requests your participation in a survey of acquisition cost data for prescription and non-prescription medications dispensed to Montana Healthcare Program members. This survey will be used to update Average Acquisition Cost (AAC) rates for outpatient drugs. The Department requests all pharmacies enrolled in the Medicaid Outpatient Prescription Drug Program complete this survey in accordance with the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) [37.86.1106 \(b\)](#). If your pharmacy is one of several stores under common ownership and you would like to have one person or central office complete the survey for all stores, please contact Mercer at MTRxSurvey@mercer.com.

Please provide the below information in an electronic spreadsheet file (Excel format is preferred). In most cases, your wholesaler will be able to compile this information and may provide the files directly to Mercer.

An example of how the data could be provided is outlined below:

Pharmacy NPI	Date Purchased	NDC	Item Description	Unit Type	Package Size	Quantity Ordered Extended	Price
12345678910	05/XX/2021	12345-6789-10	Drug name	Tab/Cap/Soln	Quantity within Package	Number of packages	\$XX.XX

In order to accomplish the goal of compiling the most comprehensive and current data possible, please complete this survey with cost data from **May 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021** and return to Mercer no later than **June 10, 2021**.

Please note: This survey is separate from the Annual Dispensing Fee Survey. Please ensure if you are sent a notice regarding this survey you participate. A separate notice will be posted in the upcoming months regarding the Annual Dispensing Fee Survey, which will be due around the same time as last year.

[Please return the data to MTRxSurvey@mercer.com](mailto:MTRxSurvey@mercer.com) or you can upload to [Mercer’s secure website: https://benefitsuite.mercer.com/sites/mtpharmacy](https://benefitsuite.mercer.com/sites/mtpharmacy).

Contact Information

[Mercer at MTRxSurvey@mercer.com](mailto:MTRxSurvey@mercer.com) or
Shannon Sexauer, PharmD, Medicaid Pharmacist at (406) 444-5951 or
Dani Feist, Pharmacy Program Officer at (406) 444-2738

For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email [Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk](#).

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