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To ensure access to high-quality, patient-centered, cost-effective health care to Los Angeles County residents through direct services at DHS facilities and through collaboration with community and university partners.



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PROVIDER INFORMATION NOTICE (PIN)

PIN: 18 – 05
TITLE: Pharmacy Updates – Reimbursement
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This is to provide MHLA Community Partner (CP) clinics with updated reimbursement information for Eligible Dispensaries (dispensaries) and On-site Licensed Pharmacies.

Dispensaries will be reimbursed as follows:

- \$4.00 per 30-day supply of DHS-4 formulary designated drugs, up to \$12 for a 90-day of drugs. (Dispensaries may fill up to a 100 day supply).
- \$8.00 for a 30-day supply of DHS-8 formulary designated drugs, up to \$24 for a 90-day supply). (Dispensaries may fill up to a 100-day supply).
- \$2.00 for over-the-counter (OTC) formulary agents as indicated in the MHLA Formulary.
- Medical Supplies are reimbursed a set amount based on quantity dispensed (i.e., \$4 for every 50 Insulin Syringes, **\$6 for every 50 Pen Needles**, \$8 for every 50 Test Strips, \$8 for one Spacer) and designated as DHS MAC on the formulary.
- Formulary drugs designated as 340B or prior authorization approved non-formulary drugs, will be paid the medication's 340B drug ingredient cost and an administrative fee of \$5.00.
- Drugs dispensed through a Patient Assistance Program (PAP) are not reimbursable. Dispensaries are required to submit PAP applications for PAP drugs that are identified on the MHLA Formulary.

On-site Licensed Pharmacies will be reimbursed as follows:

- \$4.00 for a 30-day supply of drugs (up to a 90 day supply) for drugs designated in the MHLA formulary as DHS-4.
- \$8.00 for a 30-day supply of DHS-8 formulary designated drugs, up to \$24 for a 90-day supply). (Dispensaries may fill up to a 100-day supply).
- \$2.00 for Over-the-Counter (OTC) formulary agents as indicated in the MHLA Formulary. On-site pharmacies may bill Ventegra \$2.00 for formulary OTC medications and cannot charge Participants for medications on the \$2.00 OTC list. However, on-site pharmacies may send the Participant to a retail (off-site) pharmacy to purchase OTCs.

- Medical Supplies are reimbursed a set amount based on quantity dispensed (i.e., \$4 for every 50 Insulin Syringes, \$6 for every 50 Pen Needles, \$8 for every 50 Test Strips, \$8 for one Spacer) and designated as DHS MAC on the formulary.
- For drugs designated as 340B, and/or all other formulary agents (not DHS-4 or 8, OTC or Supplies) or prior authorization approved non-formulary agents will be paid the medication's 340B drug ingredient cost and a dispensing fee in accordance with the terms and conditions established by Ventegra.

Ventegra will pay CPs with on-site licensed pharmacies for reimbursable medications on a weekly basis. It is important to note that a claim will only adjudicate on or after the day the Participant is enrolled in MHLA – pharmacy claims are not retroactive to the first of the month. A pharmacy claim cannot be processed prior to the Participant's day of enrollment into the MHLA Program.

If you have any questions, please contact your Program Advocate.



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