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TITLE: Pharmacy Update – Reimbursement

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This is to provide MHLA Community Partner (CP) clinics with updated reimbursement information for Eligible Dispensaries (dispensaries) and 340B Pharmacies, effective October 14, 2022. Changes are indicated with **red** font.

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.)
- \$12.00 for a 30-day supply of DHS-12 formulary designated drugs, up to \$36 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 the quantity dispensed up to a 90-day supply or as specified on the MHLA Formulary (i.e., **\$5 for every 50 Insulin Syringes, \$7.50 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.
- Formulary drugs designated as Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), will be paid the medication's ACI (Average Cost Index)¹ 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.

Pharmacies

There are two broad pharmacies, 340B and retail. 340B Pharmacies, can either be an on-site licensed pharmacy owned and operated by the CP or an off-site contract 340B pharmacy. Retail pharmacies are a combination of chain and independent pharmacies that are not 340B eligible. All pharmacies must contract with Ventegra to be part of the MHLA network.



Pharmacies will be reimbursed as follows:

- \$4.00 for a 30-day supply and up to \$12 for a 90-day supply of DHS-4 designated drugs on the MHLA formulary.
- \$8.00 for a 30-day supply and up to \$24 for a 90-day supply of DHS-8 formulary designated drugs on the MHLA formulary.
- \$12.00 for a 30-day supply and up to \$36 for a 90-day supply of DHS-12 formulary designated drugs on the MHLA formulary.
- \$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.
- Medical Supplies are reimbursed a set amount based on the quantity dispensed up to a 90-day supply or as specified on the MHLA Formulary (i.e., \$5 for every 50 Insulin Syringes, \$7.50 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 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.
- Formulary drugs designated as MAT, will be paid the medication's ACI (Average Cost Index)¹ drug ingredient cost and an administrative fee of \$8.00.
- Drugs dispensed through a Patient Assistance Program (PAP) are not reimbursable. Pharmacies are required to submit PAP applications for PAP drugs that are identified on the MHLA Formulary.

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 [MHLA Program Advocate](#).

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¹ ACI is a patented cost-plus reimbursement platform administered by Ventegra that uses real-time data to accurately reimburse pharmacies based on current market conditions and drug costs.