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TO: New Hampshire Medicaid Pharmacy Providers
FROM: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
DATE: May 26, 2017
SUBJECT: Updated Fiscal Impact Regarding Outpatient Drug Rule

The Department adopted rules effective April 1, 2017 to comply with federal regulatory requirements mandated by the Covered Outpatient Drug Final Rule with Comment (CMS-2345-FC) published in the Federal Register on February 1, 2016. In order to comply, the Department replaced AWP minus 16% with AAC, using NADAC files when available, or WAC when a NADAC is not available.

The rulemaking register published January 26, 2017, indicated an estimated cost to pharmacies of \$332,060 in fiscal year 2018, but noted that the actual cost to pharmacies could be lower or perhaps budget neutral as the claims cycle used for fiscal projections included an unusually large number of high-priced drugs. A fiscal analysis using the most current quarter of data has now been completed and the Department is notifying pharmacies that it now estimates that there will be an overall savings to pharmacies of \$208,000 in fiscal year 2018.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Medicaid Pharmacy Unit at (603) 271-9427.