

MONTANA PHARMACY ASSOCIATION 2006

Actual Dispensing Fees Paid to MT Pharmacies*

Reimbursement Formula:

Average Wholesale Price minus a percent plus a dispensing fee
(AWP – X % + dispensing fee)

OR

Maximum Allowable Cost plus a dispensing fee
(MAC + dispensing fee)

MEDICAID	Lesser of: AWP-15% + dispensing fee OR Federal upper limit + dispensing fee OR Provider's usual and customary charge (Dispensing fee = \$3.50 to \$4.70)
CAREMARK	Brand: AWP-16% + \$1.50 Generic: MAC + \$2.00
EXPRESS SCRIPTS	Brand: AWP-15% + \$2.10 Generic: MAC + \$2.00 (Typical of school system)
EBMS (ECKERD)	Brand: AWP-13% + \$2.50 Generic: MAC or AWP – 30-50% + \$2.50
FEDERAL EMPLOYEE PROGRAM (FEP)	Brand: AWP-15% + \$1.50 Generic: MAC or AWP – 15% + \$1.50
TRICARE (U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL)	Brand: AWP-15% + \$2.00 Generic: MAC + \$2.00
UNITED HEALTHCARE (BY MEDCO)	Brand: AWP-15% + \$1.50 Generic: MAC or AWP – 15% + \$1.50
PCS (Varies with plan)	Brand: AWP-15% + \$1.25 Generic: MAC + \$2.00
TELEPAID (Varies with plan)	Brand: AWP-13% + \$2.00 Generic: AWP – 35-50% + \$2.00
MISCELLANEOUS PLANS IN GENERAL	Brand: AWP – 13-15% + \$2.00 to \$2.50 Generic: Usually MAC + \$2.00 to \$2.50 OR: AWP – 30-80% + Dispensing Fee

*Source: Local MT Pharmacies

Estimated Cost of Dispensing a Prescription

(The Chain Pharmacy Industry Profile. National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation)

COST OF DISPENSING A PRESCRIPTION	2003	2004	2005
MONTANA	\$7.16	\$7.35	NOT AVAILABLE