

BULLETIN

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Dear Provider:

Re: 30 Day Dispense Fees

This is a follow-up to Bulletin #52. As previously stated, where pharmacists have decreased a beneficiaries days' supply to 30 days due to the NLPB directive, the NLPDP **will only charge a co-payment to the beneficiary for their initial 30-day prescription fill or refill** to offset their costs.

The second and third fill on the same prescription is to be waived for 65Plus Plan beneficiaries who, based on their claim history, normally fill their prescriptions and refills in excess of 30 days.

For clarity there will be no loss to pharmacies on the additional dispense fee for NLPDP clients Under the Foundation or 65Plus Plan.

See the following example for a 65Plus Plan member with Tier 1 fees:

Dispense 1: NLPDP billed \$12; Senior \$6 copay
Dispense 2: NLPDP billed \$12; Senior \$0 copay
Dispense 3: NLPDP billed \$12; Senior \$0 copay
Dispense 4: NLPDP billed \$12; Senior \$6 copay

Under the Foundation Plan, though there is no beneficiary copay, NLPDP will reimburse pharmacies the appropriate Tiered Dispense fee for a 30-day fill/refill on the second and third as per usual. However, when medication supply returns to steady state following COVID-19, the expectation is that for beneficiaries that previously received more than a 30-day supply, they too will return to their previous schedule.

Applicable Plans

- 65Plus Plan
- Foundation Plan

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Claim submission process (effective April 9, 2020):

For the 65Plus Plan, to ensure NLPDP pays the full dispense fee on Dispense 2 and Dispense 3 the pharmacist must enter an intervention code of **EV - Co-pay not collected - item is exempt**. Please note the EV code is not required for Foundation claims.

All claims submitted to the NLPDP for reimbursement are subject to audit and recovery.

There are no adjudication changes for the Assurance or Access Plan at this time.

We will continue to actively monitor information regarding COVID-19 and impacts to our clients as it is received and will assess these changes on an ongoing basis.

If you have any further questions regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to call 1-709-729-6507 or 1-888-222-0533.

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