



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1207

**DATE:** January 30, 2013

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Pharmacies

**ISSUED BY:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Reimbursement Changes for Pharmacy and Important Dates #5

**EFFECTIVE:** February 1, 2013

This Informational Letter provides an update on the upcoming changes to the Iowa Medicaid pharmacy reimbursement. **These changes will take effect on February 1, 2013**. The Medicaid program has received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement the following:

- 1. Pharmacy Dispensing Fee of \$10.02 per prescription**
- 2. Average actual acquisition cost (AAC) reimbursement methodology for drug ingredient costs**

Please see prior Informational Letters for additional details on the change in pharmacy reimbursement.

**Average AAC Rates:** Draft average AAC rate lists are located at [www.msliciowa.com](http://www.msliciowa.com). These rates reflect drug costs from September 2012. The rates will be updated to reflect changes in the cost of drugs prior to the February 1, 2013 implementation.

**Pharmacy Listserv:** For additional updates on the change in reimbursement, please send your email address to [pharmacy@mslc.com](mailto:pharmacy@mslc.com) to request to be added to the Iowa Medicaid pharmacy listserv.

**Contact Information:** Parties who wish to comment or discuss questions, comments, or concerns about the average AAC program may contact Myers and Stauffer weekdays between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm (Central Time).

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