



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 26, 2024

TO: All Louisiana Medicaid Prescribing Providers and Pharmacists

FROM: Kimberly Sullivan, Interim Medicaid Executive Director *KCS*

SUBJECT: Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Clotting Factor Products Update

Effective February 1, 2024, the Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), will change the reimbursement methodology for clotting factor products. Clotting factor products administered in an outpatient setting will only be reimbursed as a pharmacy benefit, not as a medical/professional benefit. This policy applies to outpatient claims submitted to FFS and MCOs (Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Healthy Blue, Humana Healthy Horizons, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, and UnitedHealthcare).

Policy

Clotting factor will be reimbursed as an outpatient pharmacy claim based on a NDC-specific Average Acquisition Cost (AAC) plus a professional dispensing fee of \$0.03500 per unit dispensed.

Billing

Reimbursement to pharmacy providers for clotting factor products, excluding Hemlibra, will be based on the lower of the following:

- AAC, plus a professional dispensing fee of \$0.03500 per unit dispensed; and
 - If no AAC rate exists, then Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) + 0%, plus \$0.03500 per unit dispensed.
- Provider's usual and customary charge to the general public.

NOTE: Reimbursement of the professional dispensing fee of \$0.03500 per unit dispensed will have a maximum limit of \$1,676.22 per dispensation.

For ingredient cost, Myers and Stauffer, LLC will set an Average Acquisition Cost (AAC) per unit of factor dispensed based on a survey of Louisiana pharmacy invoices. Additional information including stakeholder presentations, question and answer documents and rate review information can be accessed on the Myers and Stauffer website under Pharmacy Program Resources, Clotting Factor Study: <https://myersandstauffer.com/client-portal/louisiana/louisiana-pharmacy/>.

Clotting Factor Products

Brand name examples of clotting factor products are listed in the following chart.

ADVATE®	FEIBA®	NUWIQ®
ADYNOVATE®	FIBRYGA®	OBIZUR®
AFSTYLA®	HEMOFIL®	PROFILNINE®
ALPHANATE®	HUMATE®	REBINYN®
ALPHANINE®	IDELVION®	RECOMBINATE™
ALPROLIX®	IXINITY®	RIASTAP VIAL®
ALTUVIII®	JIVI®	RIXUBIS®
BALFAXAR®	KCENTRA®	SEVENFACT®
BENEFIX®	KOATE®	TRETTEN®
COAGADEX®	KOGENATE®	VONVENDI®
CORIFACT®	KOVALTRY®	WILATE®
ELOCTATE®	NOVOEIGHT®	XYNTHA®
ESPEROCT®	NOVOSEVEN®	

Additional Information:

If you have questions about the content of this memo, you may contact the FFS pharmacy help desk by phone at (800) 437-9101.

If you have questions about pharmacy claims billing, you may contact the appropriate plan at their pharmacy help desk listed in the chart below.

Healthcare Provider	Pharmacy Help Desk	Pharmacy Help Desk Phone Number
Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Healthy Blue, Humana Healthy Horizons, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, UnitedHealthcare	Magellan	(800) 424-1664
Fee for Service	Gainwell Technologies	(800) 648-0790

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If you would like to request a rate review, you may contact M&S Help Desk by the following:

Phone: 800-591-1183

Email: LApharmacy@mslc.com.

Please forward this notice to other providers to assist with notification. Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program efforts to coordinate care and improve health are greatly appreciated.

KS/MBW/GJS

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