



# Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Notice

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## Pharmacy Providers

### 2026 Annual Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Survey

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is performing the annual pharmacy dispensing fee survey as required by Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 37.86.1105. Understanding pharmacies' true cost of dispensing prescriptions is an important factor in assessing the reimbursement needed to sustain a strong network of pharmacies to serve Montana Healthcare Programs members. To ensure DPHHS has the most comprehensive information available to provide your pharmacy a reasonable dispensing fee, we request that you complete a confidential survey.

#### Important Information

- DPHHS has contracted with Myers and Stauffer LC, a national Certified Public Accounting firm, to conduct the 2026 Annual Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Survey.
- Dispensing Fee Survey material will be sent via postal mail and email on July 1, 2026.
- Dispensing Fee Survey material can also be downloaded from the Myers and Stauffer website: <https://myersandstauffer.com/provider-resources/montana/>
- A separate survey for each Montana pharmacy is required.
- Please provide the latest year's data. The latest year's data will depend on how your accounting books are completed (i.e., calendar year, state fiscal year, federal fiscal year, or a year from when you submit the survey).
- For new providers, the survey should be completed based on six months of operation.
- Failure to respond to the survey will result in an assignment to your pharmacy of the minimum dispensing fee based on the lowest calculated cost to dispense, as stated in ARM 37.86.1105 (3)(a) and (3)(b). The lowest calculated cost to dispense is currently \$4.25.
- If your pharmacy's calculated cost to dispense a prescription is less than the established dispensing fee for Montana Healthcare Programs, then the lesser dispensing fee will be applied during payment computation.
- The deadline for the survey is August 12, 2026.

**Save a copy of your submission for your records.**

#### Contact and Website Information

If you have questions, please contact:

- Myers and Stauffer LC, (800) 591-1183, [disp\\_survey@mslc.com](mailto:disp_survey@mslc.com)
- Josh Surginer, Pharmacy Program Officer, (406) 444-2738, email [Joshua.Surginer@mt.gov](mailto:Joshua.Surginer@mt.gov)

For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email [Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk](#).

Visit the [Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Information website](#) to access your provider type page. Choose Resources by Provider Type in the left-hand menu.

Visit the [Contact Us page](#) on the Provider Information website for additional DPHHS contact numbers.