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- **TO:** Commonwealth of Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacy Network
- FROM: MedImpact Healthcare Systems

## Subject: National Average Drug Acquisiton Cost (NADAC) Reimbursement – Rate Update Timeline

**Status**: NADAC rates, specifically for brand name products, increase throughout the month of January as a result of drug manufacturers increasing their WAC and AWP rates.

Below is a brief overview of the NADAC rate update timeline.

- Weekly NADAC Updates are posted to the Center for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) Website each <u>Wednesday.</u>
  - Updated Brand NADAC rates are typically reflective of increases in AWP and WAC for the previous week.
- Drug Compendia (e.g.: First Databank and Medi-Span) pull down the updated NADAC file and incorporate the changes to their Medicaid Pricing Modules.
- Updated weekly NADAC rates are then loaded in MedImpact's claim adjudication system the <u>following Friday.</u>

Please note, providers have the opportunity to view the most up-to-date NADAC prices on CMS website which is linked below. Viewers can track changes inclusive of the updated NADAC rate and effective date. For brand products, the updated NADAC rate is typically backdated to the effective date of the WAC or AWP increase. To identify updated NADAC rates changes please see below.

- Click on the CMS Pharmacy Pricing Page: Pharmacy Pricing: Medicaid
- Scroll to the NADAC Cost Comparison Data Section
- Click on the most recent weekly NADAC Comparison downloadable files. The file identifies what NADAC rates have been updated, the new and old NADAC rate along with the effective date. Field values in this file are described below.

NADAC File Name	Field Description
NADAC Effective Date	The date the NADAC price becomes effective; typically, retroactive to the date of the WAC change.
As of Date	The date the NADAC price was updated by Myers & Stauffer (M&S); aligns with the weekly (Wednesday) M&S maintenance cycle.

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The Commonwealth encourages providers who feel they may have adjudicated claims prior to the NADAC rates being updated to try reversing and reprocessing claims in question. This may result in an updated NADAC reimbursement rate when available.

## Please note, this notice is not a guarantee of updated NADAC rates or of changes in reimbursement following reversal and resubmission of claims.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns regarding NADAC pricing we urge providers to contact Myers and Stauffer, the CMS NADAC vendor. Their contact information is below:

Toll-free help desk phone number: 855-457-5264 Email: <u>info@mslcrps.com</u>

**Contact Information:** If you have any questions, please contact MedImpact's Kentucky Team at:

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