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Dear Pharmacy Provider:

This is an informational letter to ensure that all Pharmacies are following the Pharmacy Assessment Statute (33 V.S.A. §1955b).

Pharmacy Assessment 33 V.S.A. §1955b is enclosed for your review. The statute states that each Pharmacy will pay \$0.10 for each prescription filled and refilled. This count includes all prescriptions and refills: private insurance, self-pay, Medicaid, Medicare, etc. The count includes all prescriptions for each day of the month being reported. The monthly count needs to be documented using the Pharmacy Assessment Monthly Documentation Form, see enclosed copy. The form can also be found on our website: <https://dvha.vermont.gov/providers/pharmacy/pharmacy-assessment-information>. It is permissible to document multiple pharmacies on a spreadsheet instead of using the form, if the count per pharmacy is clear and the spreadsheet is signed attesting the true and accurate count of all prescriptions and refills.

Any pharmacy that fails to pay an assessment to the Department on or before the due date shall be assessed a late payment penalty. Assessments are due by the last day of the following month, for example, December is due by January 31st.

A pharmacy may be subject to a routine audit by the Department of Vermont Health Access. The audit will verify the number of prescriptions and refills dispensed during a given month and reported with the pharmacy. Any discrepancies found will be rectified by refund payments to the Pharmacy or payments due to the Department of Vermont Health Access.

Pursuant to 33 V.S.A. 1952 (f), If a health care provider fails to pay its assessments under this subchapter according to the schedule or a variation thereof adopted by the Commissioner, the Commissioner may, after notice and opportunity for hearing, deduct these assessment arrears and any late payment penalties from Medicaid payments otherwise due to the provider.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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