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Attention Pharmacies

Pharmacy Billing for Blood Pressure Monitors

The Vermont Medicaid Pharmacy program will begin covering blood pressure monitors obtained through pharmacy providers, effective **09/22/2023**. This change will allow access to blood pressure monitors at Vermont Medicaid enrolled pharmacies.

Claims will be adjudicated in "real time" through the Pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) system which will allow for faster and easier access for patients. Reimbursement for claims will be priced at the "lower of" methodology as described in the Pharmacy Provider Manual. A Professional Dispensing Fee of \$11.13 may apply. This methodology ensures that blood pressure monitors are reimbursed at no more than the DME payment amount.

Pharmacists will be able to order and dispense blood pressure monitors to Medicaid members, when medically necessary. The Automated Blood Pressure Monitor clinical criteria used to determine medical necessity can be found on the DME criteria page, located on DVHA's website.

https://dvha.vermont.gov/sites/dvha/files/doc_library/BloodPressureSet-Up%20for_web.pdf

If you have questions related to this benefit coverage, please contact the Change Healthcare Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-844-679-5362. Vermont providers can also send inquiries via email to **PBA_VTHelpdesk@changehealthcare.com**. Thank you for your continued support of Vermont's clinical pharmacy programs.