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Dear Pharmacy Owner/Manager,

Re: Vermont Medicaid Pharmacy Cost of Dispensing Survey

This letter is to inform you that the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) will be performing a pharmacy cost of dispensing survey to analyze the cost of dispensing prescription medications to Vermont Medicaid members. To perform this survey Vermont has partnered with the New England States Consortium Systems Organization (NESCOS) and the accounting firm of Myers and Stauffer LC, a reputable firm with extensive experience in pharmacy costs and reimbursement.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published regulation, Federal Covered Outpatient Drugs Final Rule (CMS-2345-FC), requires State Medicaid agencies to adopt pharmacy reimbursement methodologies to pay pharmacies for the actual acquisition cost of drugs plus a professional dispensing fee. A copy of the CMS Covered Outpatient Drugs Final Rule (CMS-2345FC) published on February 2, 2016 can be found on the Federal Register at this link:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/02/01/2016-01274/medicaid-program-covered-outpatient-drugs>. The pharmacy cost of dispensing survey will provide the state with information to evaluate the professional dispensing fee component of the Medicaid pharmacy reimbursement.

Over the next few weeks, you will be receiving a pharmacy cost of dispensing survey packet as part of the process to evaluate the costs associated with dispensing prescription medication. All Vermont Medicaid pharmacy providers should complete the survey.

Your cooperation in providing the information for this survey process will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

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Director of Pharmacy Services