




**State of Louisiana**  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
Bureau of Health Services Financing

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 14, 2015

**TO:** All Louisiana Medicaid Providers

**FROM:**   
J. Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Director

**SUBJECT:** Required Provider Fee Submission on All Pharmacy Claims (Fee For Service and Managed Care)

According to Act 399 (formerly SB163, then HB436), that goes into effect August 1, 2015 "Every contract between a pharmacy or pharmacist or his agent and a health insurance issuer or its agent shall include provisions requiring the health insurance issuer or its agent to reimburse the pharmacy or pharmacist or his agent for payment of the fee authorized by Subparagraph (A)(1)(c) of this Section, provided that the pharmacy or pharmacist or his agent makes a claim for reimbursement of the fee".

**Effective July 24, 2015, begin submitting the \$0.10 pharmacy provider fee in NCPDP field 481-HA (flat sales tax submitted) on all pharmacy claims, Fee For Service and Managed Care Plans.** NCPDP has identified this as the appropriate field even though this is a fee, not a tax. The return payment of the provider fee should be reflected in NCPDP field 558-AW (flat sales tax paid).

Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program efforts to coordinate care and improve health are greatly appreciated.

If you have questions about the contents of this memo, you may contact the Pharmacy Help Desk at (800) 437-9101 or refer to [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com).

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