Submitter : **Susan Malerk** **Date: 10/30/2007**

Organization : **Susan Malerk**

Category : **Pharmacist**

Issue Areas/Comments

Average Manufacturer Price

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The future AMP reimbursement is unfair. We are a retail establishment that services several Long Term Care facilities and so we have many Medicaid recipients. We do not get preferential pricing for servicing these clients and, of course, generics are preferred and well utilized. Fair AMP pricing is crucial to our continuing to provide for these patients. Please reconsider AMP reimbursement rates.

Submitter : **Dr. Sue Kollhoff** **Date: 11/08/2007**

Organization : **Patterson Pharmacy**

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Issue Areas/Comments

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I am very disappointed with the rulings so far regarding AMP. If this figure is to be used to determine pharmacy reimbursement, it needs to be a fair reflection of community pharmacy acquisition costs (i.e., excluding pharmacies that are able to purchase medications at deep discounts, such as mail-order pharmacies). In addition, a fair dispensing fee should be associated with each prescription. As a pharmacist, I spend a large portion of my day discussing medication interactions with patients and physicians, counseling patients on their medications, and making recommendations for generic substitutions that ultimately save the healthcare system valuable dollars. Therefore, I do not believe it is unreasonable to receive a fair dispensing fee to cover these activities. Please consider that a pharmacist's role is much more than just filling a prescription, and as such, please recognize the value we add to the healthcare system by fairly reimbursing us for our hard work.

Submitter : **Mr. Corey Brand** **Date: 11/09/2007**

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After reading the article in "Pharmacy Today" I am concerned about the future of the profession of pharmacy. Rule makers should be educated on the role of pharmacists in the retail sector above simply dispensing. We also answer questions and counsel patients. This is huge as having patients take their medications properly is imperative to their health. Many patients are confused about their medications and the time we spend with them is valuable and should be compensated for. Using the arugment that there are $4 generics on the market is ridiculous. Mass merchants are loss leaders and their pharmacy sector is loosing money, their pharmacists are stressed with the work load, and I am willing to bet the patients seldomly have interactions with a pharmacist. No, our computers do not do all of our work. I am currently a 6th year student at Ohio Northern University and I am doing a rotation with the VA. The number of uncontrolled diabetics and patients with uncontrolled hypertension is shocking. I find myself walking with these patients in the hall and what not telling them how to make thier meds work for them and they are so grateful. Nobody else has the time to do it, and this is in a government ran facility. It is our tax dollars that will be spent, and is being spent on the consequences on the eyes, kidneys, and heart. Instead of looking to cut the funds going to pharmacists, we should be looking for ways to increase patient interactions. There is more than ample data to show that money spent on pharmacists is money well spent. Having to fill more scripts per unit of time can only hurt the healthcare system. I would love to know that someone actually read this (c-brand@onu.edu)