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Compensation for Pharmacist Services

What Pharmacists Need to Know about *KY 2021 House Bill 48*

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Key Facts

Passed in March 2021, HB 48 ensures that pharmacists can bill and be compensated by medical insurances for services they provide. Here are 4 important points to take away:



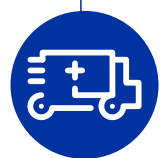
What is HB 48?

An act relating to the reimbursement of pharmacy services in Kentucky effective July 2021. HB 48 establishes when a commercial insurer or third-party administrator for a commercial insurer will provide reimbursement to a pharmacist for a provided service or procedure by amending KRS Chapter 304 Insurance Code



Which payors must reimburse pharmacists for services provided under HB 48?

HB 48 is limited to commercial payors only. It does not include patients with Medicaid or Medicare



How much will a pharmacist be paid for services that are billed?

Per KY 21 HB 48, payment for services shall not be at a rate less than that provided to other non-physician practitioners



Why can't I just bill claims now?

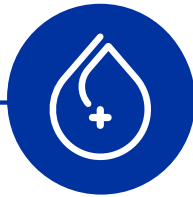
You can in some instances. Some payors have adapted more quickly than others to accepting medical billing claims by pharmacists. Others have to prepare to receive claims internally by changing their systems to acknowledge pharmacists as providers and covered services amongst others

What type of services will be covered?

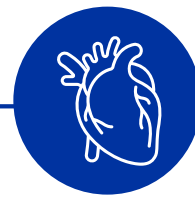
Payors must compensate pharmacists if the service or procedure is within the scope of practice AND would otherwise be covered if a physician, APRN, or PA performed it. Some examples are as follows:



Point of Care Testing



Anticoagulation Management



Chronic Disease Management



Treatment of Minor Ailments



Routine Vaccinations



Board Approved Protocols



Comprehensive Medication Management



Preventative Screening & Testing

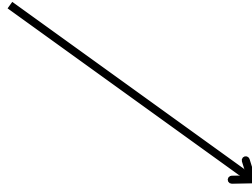


Pharmacogenomics Counseling

How does compensation for services impact the practice of pharmacy?

Pharmacist's Value Recognized

Pharmacists are well known for going above and beyond for their patients, and the COVID-19 pandemic brought that service into the spotlight. As payors start to compensate pharmacists for the services they have been providing for decades, more and more people will recognize the value that pharmacists bring to the healthcare system



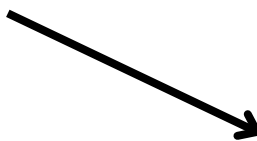
Sustainable Business Practices

Compensation for services opens up alternative revenue streams that aren't influenced by PBMs and their corrupt practices. As a permanent payment pathway is established for pharmacists services the opportunity to strengthen and expand upon existing services will allow for a sustainable business practice



Practice at the Top of Your License

As pharmacist's value is recognized and services become sustainable the opportunities to practice at the top of your license expands allowing for safe and efficient evidence based care provided by the medication experts.



Healthier Kentucky

With 90% of Americans living within 5 miles of a pharmacy, an increase in pharmacist services increases access to care which, thanks to medical billing, is also more affordable leading to a healthier Kentucky as gaps in care are addressed.