

ANTIVIRAL DRUG ADMINISTRATION FEES FACT SHEET

ANTIVIRALS: If a provider deems it necessary to charge an administrative fee for the dispensing of government provided antivirals, the government recommends that any fee charged should not exceed the regional Medicaid rate for administrative fees.

Dispensing fee information for each state for Medicaid can be found at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Reimbursement/Downloads/reimbursementchart2q2009.pdf>

These schedules should be used for justification of administrative fees to any person, not just those having Medicaid. Pharmacies are encouraged to dispense antivirals free of charge to individuals who cannot pay the administration fee.

COMPOUNDING: Most retail entities do not charge for simple compounding as would be the case for compounding of Tamiflu. If additional flavoring products are added (i.e. flavor rx - sweetened flavors to mask the taste of product) they may charge the patient a small fee (\$2.99).

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