

11. Reimbursement for Pharmacist Clinicians (PhC)

Reimbursement shall be paid to the supervising physician, physician group, clinic, hospital, IHS facility or other business entity at the lesser of the following:

- a. The supervising provider’s billed charge;
- b. The Medicaid fee schedule amount for the specific service or procedure; or
- c. The supervising provider’s usual and customary charge based on time spent with the patient or the complexity of the service or procedure.

A PhC is a pharmacist who has additional training and licensure to provide direct health care - often in a hospital, clinic, or physician’s office - for a variety of acute and chronic disease states that are outlined in a prescriptive authority protocol approved by a supervising physician. PhCs are certified by the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy (NMBOP) and may only furnish services within their scope of practice as defined by state law.

12. Reimbursement to Pharmacists with Prescriptive Authority

Reimbursement to a pharmacist with prescriptive authority shall be paid at the same rate that is paid to a licensed physician, physician assistant (PA), or advanced nurse practitioner (NP) for the same service. Payment shall be fee-schedule based reimbursement to the pharmacy corresponding to the time the pharmacist spent with the patient or the complexity of the service.

New Mexico law allows pharmacists to be certified to provide prescriptive authority for hormonal contraception, tobacco cessation, immunizations, tuberculosis testing, and Naloxone drug therapy in accordance with the written protocols approved by the NMBOP. Pharmacists with prescriptive authority often work in a retail setting and do not work under the supervision or direction of a physician. However, prescriptive authority shall be limited to those drugs and vaccines delineated within the written drug therapy protocols.