

WHAT CAN PHARMACISTS BILL FOR IN COLORADO?



MEDICAID

Pharmacists in Colorado may bill Medicaid for services authorized in Part 6 of the Practice Act—such as collaborative practice agreements, collaborative drug therapy management (CDTM) and statewide drug therapy protocols (SWPs). This authority comes from HB 21-1275 (2021).

MEDICARE

Pharmacists are not currently recognized as Part B providers under the Social Security Act. Medicare billing is limited to “incident to” services (e.g., Annual Wellness Visits), and all claims must be submitted under another provider, like a physician or advanced practice nurse.



PRIVATE INSURERS

Pharmacists have mandated health plan coverage for their services under HB 18-1112 (2018). This **requires** plans to pay pharmacists for services delivered in health professional shortage areas (geographical or population based) when those same services are covered for physicians or advanced practice nurses.

SELF PAY

Pharmacists may choose to offer advanced services, as outlined in the Pharmacy Practice Act, on a cash-pay basis. This allows for greater flexibility when delivering these services, and many patients are willing to pay directly without insurance utilization.

