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Additional public comment for record.



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Thanks, Sara. We commend Walmart’s support of the rule and generally agree that these three points are consistent with the statute and proposed rule (relevant rates are those non-facility, location specific rates in effect at the time of service). If AID wanted to address the comment specifically with additional rule language, one thought on approach is below.

Thank you.
Fred



(d)(1) Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-99-1003(d), a reimbursement paid by an insurer, vision benefit manager, vision care plan, or vision care discount plan to a vision care provider for covered services shall not be less than the current calendar year Medicare reimbursement rate for covered services provided to the enrollee.

(2) For a covered service, reimbursement that is greater than or equal to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule for the applicable or similar service, regardless of whether the service is eligible for Medicare coverage, shall not be considered a violation. The relevant Medicare Physician Fee Schedule rates are those non-facility, locality-specific rates for the geographic area in which the services are furnished, for the applicable current fee-schedule year in effect at the time of service, as established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

(e) Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-99-1003(d), a reimbursement paid by an insurer, vision benefit manager, vision care plan, or vision care discount plan to a vision care provider for covered materials shall not be nominal or de minimis.

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Here you go.



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Commissioner Harris,

On behalf of Walmart, I wanted to pass along our public comments on the proposed Rules implementing Act 142. We do have a few suggestions that we think would improve clarity. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thanks,
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