

NOMINAL AND FLAT FEE INCREASE

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Background Details

- Nominal - *(of a price or amount of money) very small; far below the real value or cost.*
- Patients falling below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level will be assessed the nominal fee, unless they claim a hardship, in which the fee will be waived. Housing status is screened at every visit. Homelessness is automatically considered a hardship.
- Per HRSA regulations, nominal fees need to be set below what a patient would pay if their income fell into our first sliding fee bracket above 100% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- The average fee increase, per sliding scale fee bracket, is \$10.00 for both Dental and Primary Care Services. (Last Increased 10+ Years Ago)
- The pharmacy dispensing fee increase is \$4.00. (Last Increased 5+ Years Ago)

Peer Nominal Dental Fees:

Seamar – \$50.00

NeighborCare – \$45.00

HealthPoint – \$50.00

Multnomah County (Portland, OR) – \$45.00

Dental

% Of FPL	0-100%	101-125%	126-150%	151-200%
Old Fee	\$15	\$25	\$40	\$45
New Fee	\$25	\$35	\$45	\$65

Dental Nominal Fee

Primary Care Nominal Fee

Primary Care

% Of FPL	0-100%	101-125%	126-150%	151-200%
Old Fee	\$15	\$20	\$30	\$35
New Fee	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50

Peer Nominal Primary Care Fees:

Seamar – \$40.00

Country Doctor – \$20.00

NeighborCare – \$20.00

HealthPoint – \$25.00

Multnomah County (Portland, OR) – \$35.00

- During a recent cost analysis, the actual cost of dispensing a medication at our on-site pharmacies had far exceeded our set dispensing fee.
- Medicaid allowed amounts for dispensing medications has been increasing, while our fee has remained unchanged.
- Several national studies of dispensing costs have been conducted and show similar findings to our fee review.

Previous Pharmacy Dispensing Fee (2019)	Increased Pharmacy Dispensing Fee (2024)
10.00	14.00

Pharmacy Dispensing Fee

THANK YOU

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