

PACE PROVIDER BULLETIN

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NEW PACE LEGISLATION

House Bill 946, which amends the PACE Act (P.L.351, No.91, known as the State Lottery Law) by revising the current reimbursement formula was signed into law on November 21, 2016.

The effective date of the new reimbursement formula is Thursday December 1, 2016.

This legislation changes the PACE/PACENET reimbursement formula by replacing the current AWP and FUL (Federal Upper Limits) pricing with either NADAC (National Average Drug Acquisition Cost) or WAC (Wholesale Acquisition Cost) as outlined below:

- **If the NADAC per unit is available,**
 - the program payment shall be the lower of the following amounts:
 - ✓ the NADAC per unit with the addition of a professional dispensing fee of \$13.00 per prescription and the subtraction of the copayment;
 - OR
 - ✓ the pharmacy's usual and customary charge for the drug dispensed with the subtraction of the copayment.

- **If the NADAC per unit is unavailable,**
 - the program payment shall be the lower of the following amounts:
 - ✓ the wholesale acquisition cost (WAC) plus 3.2% with the addition of a professional dispensing fee of \$13.00 per prescription and the subtraction of the copayment;
 - OR
 - ✓ the pharmacy's usual and customary charge for the drug dispensed with the subtraction of the copayment.

- The Dispensing Physician/ Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner dispensing fee exclusion remains.

➔ The entire bill is available at:

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/BillInfo.cfm?year=2015&ind=0&body=H&type=B&bn=946> . Access printers number 4111*.

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