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Independent Study Affirms Positive Impact of Ohio Medicaid Pass-Through Drug Pricing Model

Columbus, Ohio – The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) today released an Analysis of Pass-Through Pricing Implementation report. The report was commissioned to ensure ODM managed care plans are complying with the mandated change from a spread pricing reimbursement model used by the plans' pharmacy benefit managers, to a transparent, pass-through model that began January 1.

The report reveals a 5.74% increase in amounts paid to pharmacies in the first quarter of pass-through model implementation. Additionally, the study examined and found no conflicts of interest or reimbursement trends affecting member access to prescription drugs. The following statement may be attributed to Maureen Corcoran, director of ODM:

“This report is a positive step forward in shining a light on the inner-workings of a vital segment of the state’s Medicaid program. While the findings of the report indicate positive and successful implementation, there is much more work to come as Ohio Medicaid is deeply committed to safeguarding pharmacy access to the individuals we serve. It is vital that Ohioans have access to life sustaining and—in many cases—life saving medications while also acting as responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars.

A copy of the report is available [on the ODM website](#).

