WAC 284-180-501 Pharmacy reimbursement. (1) A pharmacy benefit manager may not reimburse a pharmacy in the state an amount less than the amount the pharmacy benefit manager reimburses an affiliate for dispensing the same prescription drug as dispensed by the pharmacy, calculated on a per unit basis.

(2) A pharmacy benefit manager may not reimburse a network pharmacy an amount less than the contract price between the pharmacy benefit manager and the carrier, insurer, third-party payor, or prescription drug purchasing consortium the pharmacy benefit manager has contracted with for a drug. For purposes of this subsection:

(a) The pharmacy benefit manager's reimbursement amount to a network pharmacy includes post-sale or post-invoice adjustments the pharmacy benefit manager makes that affect the amount paid for a drug including, but not limited to, fees, discounts, reconciliations, or assessments.

(b) The pharmacy benefit manager's reimbursement amount to a network pharmacy excludes adjustments, denials, or reversals of prescription drug claims due to a network pharmacy submitting the original claim fraudulently or as the result of a pharmacy audit conducted in accordance with RCW 48.200.220.

(c) The term "contract price" has the meaning given in WAC 284-180-130.

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