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## Simple statistical choices translate to care & viability...



The State invested in a Cost of Dispensing survey to determine actual costs. Let's use report conclusions that best tie to actual Medicaid costs.



Selecting \$9.91 based on the median cost of dispensing weighted over all claims means half of Minnesota's prescriptions will be dispensed at a loss.



Using mean values weighted for Medicaid claims is an apples-to-apples comparison of costs.



Below cost dispensing fees could mean some pharmacies will be forced to stop providing drugs and other healthcare services to Medicaid beneficiaries.



Minnesota deserves a fair, representative dispensing reimbursement based apples-to-apples survey results.



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## Cost of Dispensing Legislative Report Means & Medians

Method	Mean	Median
Unweighted	\$14.36	\$10.67
Weighted by <u>total</u> prescription volume	\$12.05	\$9.91
Weighted by <u>Medicaid</u> prescription volume	\$14.30	\$10.77

Half of those surveyed have costs above this rate

DHS Proposed Rate

Half of all Medicaid prescriptions are filled at or above this cost.

