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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 <u>median</u> cost of dispensing weighted over <u>all claims</u> means half of Minnesota's prescriptions will be dispensed at a loss.



Using <u>mean</u> 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.



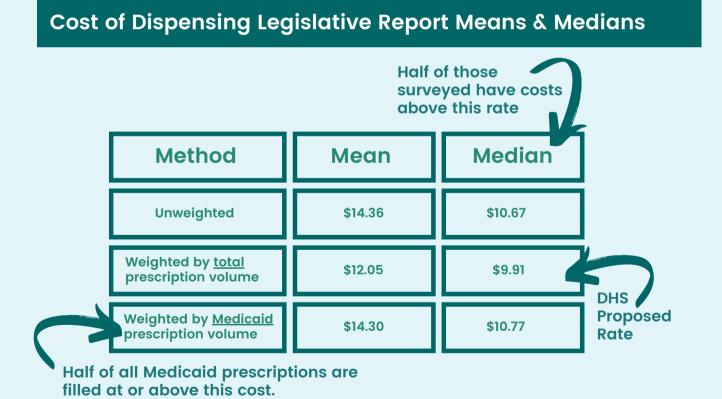
Minnesota deserves a fair, representative dispensing reimbursement based apples-to-apples survey results.

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