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Dear Pharmacy Owner or Manager:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has contracted with the Center for Pharmacoeconomic Studies at The University of Texas College of Pharmacy to conduct a pharmacy dispensing cost survey as part of an evaluation of dispensing fees for Medicaid prescriptions in Texas. Your pharmacy has been randomly selected to participate in this survey. The Health and Human Services Commission requires participation in this survey for all pharmacies selected to participate. Your participation is important in ensuring that the survey data accurately represent the operational expenses incurred by Texas Medicaid pharmacy providers. This information may be used to support current and future reimbursement for prescriptions under the Texas Medicaid program.

Enclosed are: (1) a Texas Medicaid Pharmacy Provider Cost Report form; (2) the instructions for completing the form; and (3) a business-reply return envelope. Please follow these steps: (1) complete the cost report form according to the instructions; (2) retain a copy of the completed survey form for your records; and (3) return the completed cost report form as indicated in the instructions. This survey may be completed using either the enclosed paper version or in an electronic format (Excel[®] spreadsheet). If you prefer to complete the electronic version, please request a copy of the file from Ken Lawson at kenlawson@mail.utexas.edu or (512) 471-5609. All submitted information will be treated confidentially as described in the cover letter from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. All reports pertaining to this survey will contain only aggregated data (not individual pharmacy data).

All cost reports will be reviewed by the researchers. If additional information or clarification is needed based on this review, you will be contacted. A sample of participating pharmacies will be selected for an on-site field examination to be conducted by personnel from the McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas. If your pharmacy is selected for a field examination, you will be contacted to make arrangements for the on-site visit.

Please submit the completed cost report form to me by June 2, 2008 according to the instructions. If you have any questions about the study, please contact me at (512) 471-5609 or kenlawson@mail.utexas.edu. Again, it is important for you to submit a complete and accurate cost report to ensure that pharmacy operational expenses are represented appropriately. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Lawson".

Ken Lawson, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

Enclosures