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dispensed from a system using retrospective billing. Provides an effective date of January 1, 2016, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.

- 4** **Payment rates.** Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 13e. The amendment to paragraph (a) specifies the pharmacy dispensing fee for over-the-counter drugs that applies when a retrospectively billing pharmacy bills for quantities less than the number of units in the manufacturer's original package.

A new paragraph (b) allows pharmacies dispensing prescriptions to residents of long-term care facilities, that use an automated drug distribution system, or a packaging system that meets the standards in rule that allow drugs to be returned, to use retrospective billing. Requires claims to be submitted only for the quantity of medication used during a defined billing period, and requires a retrospectively billing pharmacy to use a billing period not less than one calendar month or 30 days.

The amendment to paragraph (c) exempts pharmacies that use a packaging system that allows drugs to be returned from the requirement to credit DHS for the acquisition cost of all unused drugs, if that pharmacy uses retrospective billing.

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