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Annual Update to Specialty Drug Copayment Limitations

“Specialty Drug Copayment Limitation Act of 2015” (D.C. Law 21-248; D.C. Code § 48–855; Effective from Apr 7, 2017)

Per § 48–855.02(a)(2) “On July 1 of each year, the limit on a required copayment or coinsurance applicable to a drug on a specialty tier provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall increase by a percentage equal to the percentage change from the preceding year in the medical care component of the March Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.”

Per the [Bureau of Labor Statistics website](#):

Medical care component of CPI-U, Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (not seasonally adjusted), March 2019: **456.233**

Medical care component of CPI-U, Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (not seasonally adjusted), March 2020: **466.517**

$$\% \text{ change} = (466.517/456.233) - 1 = 0.0225 \text{ (2.25\%)}$$

Therefore, the adjusted limits on specialty drug copays/coinsurance as of July 1, 2020 are the following:

30-day supply: \$154 (current) * 1.0225 = \$157
90-day supply: \$308 (current) * 1.0225 = \$315

Historic Results

| Year | 30-day Supply | 90-day Supply |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| July 2017 | \$150 | \$300 |
| July 2018 | \$153 | \$306 |
| July 2019 | \$154 | \$308 |
| July 2020 | \$157 | \$315 |