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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 2020: **466.517**

Medical care component of CPI-U, Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (not seasonally adjusted), March 2021: **498.579**

% change =  $(498.579/466.517) - 1 = 0.0687$  (6.87%)

Therefore, the adjusted limits on specialty drug copays/coinsurance as of July 1, 2021 are the following:

30-day supply: \$157 (current) \* 1.0687 = \$167

90-day supply: \$315 (current) \* 1.0687 = \$336

### 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
July 2021	\$167	\$336