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Utah Drug Transparency Report April 2022

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Overview

As required by Utah Code § 31A-48-103(1), drug manufacturers that are manufacturing a drug available for purchase by Utah residents with a wholesale acquisition cost (WAC) of at least \$100 or more for a 30-day supply are required to submit to the Utah Insurance Department (Department) the information described in § 31A-48-103(1)(b) when an increase in the wholesale acquisition cost of the drug is 1) greater than 16 percent over the preceding two calendar years, or 2) greater than 10 percent over the preceding calendar year.

The information provided to the Department may not be released in a manner that: 1) would allow for the identification of an individual drug, therapeutic class of drugs, or manufacturer, or 2) is likely to compromise the financial, competitive, or proprietary nature of the information (see § 31A-48-103(1)(f)).

The Department received 27 drug product reports during April 2022 that were in compliance with § 31A-48-103(1)(a). This report summarizes the following information received by drug manufacturers:

- 1) The effective date of the increase in the WAC price of the drug product,
- 2) The drug type (brand name drug or generic drug),
- 3) The manufacturer's aggregate company-wide research and development costs for the most recent year for which final audit data is available, and
- 4) A written description, suitable for public release, of the factors that led to the increase in the WAC price of the drug product and the significance of each factor.

The information has been de-identified to protect the identity of the individual drug, the therapeutic class of the drug, and the drug manufacturer as required by § 31A-48-103(1)(f).

List of Manufacturer Drug Product WAC Price Increase Reports by Effective Date

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1/5/2022	Brand	\$189,000,000

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1/7/2022	Generic	\$0

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Cost increases related to the production of <drug product>, <national drug code> have been factored into the WAC increase.

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3/3/2022	Brand	\$5,330,028

Factors that led to the increase in the WAC price

<Drug manufacturer> pricing reset includes both multifaceted financial and non-financial rational: inherited business challenges which originated with the prior NDA holders, ability to meaningfully increase patient access to <drug product>, evolving <drug product> market dynamics and substantial investments in <drug product> research initiatives

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