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PA RX PRICEFINDER

On July 22nd, the Commonwealth unveiled a website to permit the public to access usual and customary billing information. This website, <u>www.parxpricefinder.com</u>, enables consumers to shop around and get the best price for their medications. While not every prescription medication can be found on the website, most of the more commonly used medications are available. The usual and customary billing data is updated weekly using the paid claims information from the previous week.

This website also provides consumers with links to several other websites that provide relevant educational materials on prescription medication selection and utilization. Website users are encouraged to provide input for evaluation purposes. A number of comments came from independent pharmacies accessing the website who wanted their customers to know they would match the prices of their competition.

To accommodate this request, the Department will be modifying the website to include the phrase, "**Pharmacy has price matching policy. Ask for details.**"

Providers wishing to have their pharmacy identified with this message should notify Provider Services of this request by fax, e-mail or U.S. mail.

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Please include the following information in your request: Pharmacy NPI number: Name of the authorizing person: Title (owner, manager, president, etc.):

Questions may be directed to Provider Services at 1-800-835-4080.