

PharmaNet Bulletin

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Introduction of a Mandatory Cost Upcharge Field in Pharmacy Software

As discussed in the PharmaCare Newsletter of August 24, 2004, PharmaNet specifications allow for both a **Drug Cost** field and a **Cost Upcharge** field to be provided in pharmacy software.

The **Drug Cost** field is provided in all local pharmacy software and is a required field for PharmaCare adjudication. Pharmacies should enter only their Actual Acquisition Cost in the Drug Cost field as PharmaCare adjudicates based on this amount. An upcharge should never be included in the Drug Cost field.

Until now, the **Cost Upcharge** field has been optional and so was not included in all pharmacy software.

To assist pharmacies in meeting their business requirements, the Cost Upcharge field will now be a required field for all pharmacy software. PharmaCare will not use the amount entered in the Cost Upcharge field for adjudication.

Details of the business and technical requirements for this change will be distributed to pharmacy software vendors shortly. Pharmacy software vendors will have a maximum of six months to implement the changes, re-certify and distribute the software to the pharmacies.

Pharmacies should direct any questions regarding this change to their software vendor.

Software vendors wishing to obtain further information can contact the Software Support Organizations Coordinator: HLTH.HnetSSOSupport@gems3.gov.bc.ca