

What are GERs / BERs / DFERs?

GER

Generic Effective Rate

Generic Drug claim reimbursement expressed as a percentage discount from AWP.

BER

Brand Effective Rate

Brand Drug claim reimbursement expressed as a percentage discount from AWP.

DFER

Dispense Fee Effective Rate

Dispensing fee expressed as an average dispensing fee.



What is a GER / BER / DFER Network Benchmark Payor Contract?

Reimbursement rates between Elevate and the PBM are contracted as aggregate average effective rates for a year with an annual reconciliation/true-up between the Elevate network and the PBM. If the PBM underpays Elevate pharmacies, relative to the GER/BER/DFER, the PBM reimburses the difference to the pharmacies. If the PBM overpays Elevate pharmacies, relative to the GER/BER/DFER, the PBM recoups the aggregate overpayment from the pharmacies.

How does a GER / BER / DFER Network Benchmark Payor Contract Work?



Generic claims are reimbursed at varying MAC prices, WAC or at discounts from AWP.



End of year reconciliation / "true-up" is used to reach the respective contracted rate.



Brand claims are reimbursed at discounts from AWP based on the patient's plan with additional variability for particular drugs (e.g., specialty drugs).



Elevate uses our data-driven systems and analysis to validate Elevate pharmacies' results and allocates individual pharmacy amounts accordingly.



At the end of the year, the aggregated Elevate pharmacy results for the ingredient cost paid are compared to the aggregated AWP for the respective BER/GER.



Elevate withholds funds from pharmacies leaving the network during the year to cover each pharmacy's estimated obligations under the respective network benchmark contract.



The resulting ratio is then compared to the contracted rates for GER and BER and the aggregate dispensing fee is compared to the contracted average dispensing fee (DFER).

EXCLUDES Medicare Part D claims, Compounded Drug claims, Secondary COB claims, vaccine/immunization claims, claims with State-Mandated reimbursement (e.g., NADAC/AAC), and Direct Member Reimbursement. Other exclusions may apply per network Benchmark Payor Contract.

Which Elevate Contracts Include GERs, BERs and DFERs?

CVS Caremark

The 2019 and 2020 contractual arrangement for select commercial (including Managed Medicaid) Plans claims include a contracted GER/BER/DFER.

OptumRx

The 2019 and 2020 contractual arrangement for select commercial (including Managed Medicaid) Plans claims include a contracted GER/BER/DFER.



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