

**191—59.3(510B) Timely payment of pharmacy claims.**

**59.3(1)** All benefits payable under a pharmacy benefits management plan shall be paid as soon as feasible but within 20 days after receipt of a clean claim when the claim is submitted electronically and shall be paid within 30 days after receipt of a clean claim when the claim is submitted in paper format.

**59.3(2)** Payments to the pharmacy or pharmacist for clean claims are considered to be overdue if not paid within 20 or 30 days, whichever is applicable. If any clean claim is not timely paid, the pharmacy benefits manager must pay the pharmacy or pharmacist interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum commencing the day after any claim payment or portion thereof was due until the claim is finally settled or adjudicated in full.

**59.3(3)** Existing contracts between clients and pharmacy benefits managers shall comply with the requirement that clean claims be paid within 20 or 30 days, whichever is applicable, when such contracts are renegotiated on or after January 1, 2009, but no later than December 31, 2009.