AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

Introduced By: Senators Felag, Coyne, Seveney, Sosnowski, Ciccone, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: March 04, 2021

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 27-20.8 of the General Laws entitled "Prescription Drug Benefits" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:


A plan sponsor, health insurance carrier, or pharmacy benefit manager shall not prohibit a pharmacist from providing an insured information regarding the amount of the insured's cost share for a prescription drug. Neither a pharmacy nor a pharmacist shall be penalized by a pharmacy benefits manager for discussing any information described in this section or for selling a lower-priced drug to the insured if one is available.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION
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1 This act would bar health insurance plans from prohibiting pharmacists from discussing
2 reimbursement criteria with individuals presenting prescriptions and provides that health insurance
3 plans may not penalize a pharmacy or pharmacist from disclosing reimbursement criteria with an
4 individual presenting a prescription.
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6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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