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UTAH BILL TEXT

TITLE: Pharmacy Benefits Manager or Coordinator Amendments

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SUMMARY: This bill amends the Pharmacy Practice Act.

TEXT:

PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER OR COORDINATOR

AMENDMENTS

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

House Sponsor:

Paul Ray

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the Pharmacy Practice Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

defines terms;

requires a pharmacy service entity that uses direct or indirect remuneration to report certain information to pharmacies or the pharmacies' pharmacy services administration organization; and

prohibits a pharmacy benefits manager or coordinator from preventing a pharmacist from disclosing cost information to a patient.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

58-17b-626, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 58-17b-626 is enacted to read:

58-17b-626. Direct or indirect remuneration by pharmacy benefits managers --

Disclosure of customer costs.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Cost share" means the amount paid by an insured customer under the customer's health benefit plan.

(b) "Direct or indirect remuneration" means any adjustment in the total compensation:

(i) received by a pharmacy from a pharmacy benefits manager or coordinator for the sale of a drug, device, or other product or service; and

(ii) that is determined after the sale of the product or service.

(c) "Health benefit plan" means the same as that term is defined in Section 31A-1-301.

(d) "Pharmacy services administration organization" means an entity that contracts with a pharmacy to assist with third-party payer interactions and administrative services related to third-party payer interactions, including:

(i) contracting with a pharmacy benefits manager or coordinator on behalf of the pharmacy; and

(ii) managing a pharmacy's claims payments from third-party payers.

(e) "Pharmacy service entity" means:

(i) a pharmacy services administration organization; or

(ii) a pharmacy benefits manager or coordinator.

(f) (i) "Reimbursement report" means a report on the adjustment in total compensation for a claim.

(ii) "Reimbursement report" does not include a report on adjustments made pursuant to a pharmacy audit or reprocessing.

(g) "Sale" means a prescription drug claim covered by a health benefit plan.

(2) If a pharmacy service entity engages in direct or indirect remuneration with a pharmacy, the pharmacy service entity shall make a reimbursement report available to the pharmacy upon the pharmacy's request.

(3) For the reimbursement report described in Subsection (2), the pharmacy service entity shall:

(a) include the adjusted compensation amount related to a claim and the reason for the adjusted compensation; and

(b) provide the reimbursement report:

(i) in accordance with the contract between the pharmacy and the pharmacy service entity;

(ii) in an electronic format that is easily accessible; and

(iii) within 120 days after the day on which the pharmacy benefits manager or coordinator receives a report of a sale of a product or service by the pharmacy.

(4) A pharmacy service entity shall, upon a pharmacy's request, provide the pharmacy with:

(a) the reasons for any adjustments contained in a reimbursement report; and

(b) an explanation of the reasons provided in Subsection (4)(a).

(5) (a) A pharmacy benefits manager or coordinator may not prohibit or penalize the disclosure by a pharmacist of:

(i) an insured customer's cost share for a covered prescription drug;

(ii) the availability of any therapeutically equivalent alternative medications; or

(iii) alternative methods of paying for the prescription medication, including paying the cash price, that are less expensive than the cost share of the prescription drug.

(b) Penalties that are prohibited under Subsection (5)(a) include increased utilization review, reduced payments, and other financial disincentives.

(6) A pharmacy benefits manager or coordinator may not require an insured customer to pay, for a covered prescription drug, more than the lesser of:

(a) the applicable cost share of the prescription drug being dispensed; or

(b) the retail price of the drug without prescription drug coverage.

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