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AN ACT

- 1 Establishing One Pennsylvania, a program to consolidate and
- 2 unify procedures and requirements for the administration of
- 3 all Commonwealth-funded, Commonwealth-administered and
- 4 Commonwealth-supported drug programs and for reimbursement
- 5 for pharmacy services.
- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. Short title.
- 9 This act shall be known and may be cited as the One
- 10 Pennsylvania Act.
- 11 Section 2. Definitions.
- 12 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 13 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 14 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 15 "Adjudication."
- 16 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), an action taken

- by the Department of Aging, the Secretary of Aging or a
- 2 prescription drug plan pursuant to this act that constitutes
- an adjudication as defined by 2 Pa.C.S. § 101 (relating to
- definitions), including any of the following:
- 5 (i) A decision to allow a pharmacy to participate in
- 6 a prescription drug plan or to suspend, restrict or
- 7 revoke participation by a pharmacy in a prescription drug
- 8 plan.
- 9 (ii) A decision by the department to include or
- 10 exclude a medication from the formulary or preferred drug
- list.
- 12 (iii) The establishment of pharmacy reimbursement
- 13 rates and formulas.
- 14 (iv) A decision to grant or deny prior authorization
- for the dispensing of prescription drugs or to approve or
- disapprove the dispensing of drugs not included on the
- formulary or preferred drug list.
- 18 (v) An action taken by the program based upon audits
- 19 of claims submitted for reimbursement by pharmacies.
- 20 (2) An action taken by the program with respect to
- determining recipient eligibility shall not be deemed an
- 22 adjudication subject to this act.
- 23 "Alerts." Electronic communications between the Department
- 24 of Aging or the pharmacy benefits consolidation program and
- 25 pharmacies providing information pertaining to the
- 26 implementation of this act, including any of the following:
- 27 (1) Information regarding formularies.
- 28 (2) Preferred drug lists.
- 29 (3) Drug utilization review.
- 30 (4) Prior authorization.

- 1 (5) Disease management programs.
- 2 (6) Claims submission and adjudication procedures.
- 3 (7) Audits.
- 4 (8) Pharmacy and patient education.
- 5 "Best price." As defined under section 1927(c) of the Social
- 6 Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 1396r-8(c)).
- 7 "Department." The Department of Aging of the Commonwealth.
- 8 "Medical assistance program." The program established
- 9 pursuant to Subarticle (f) of Article IV of the act of June 13,
- 10 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code.
- 11 "Medicare recipient." An individual residing in this
- 12 Commonwealth who receives benefits under Part A of Subchapter
- 13 XVIII of Chapter 7 of the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42
- 14 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.) or who is enrolled under Part B, C or D of
- 15 Subchapter XVIII.
- 16 "Pharmaceutical manufacturer." A manufacturer as defined by
- 17 section 1927(k)(5) of the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42
- 18 U.S.C. \S 1396r-8(k)(5)).
- 19 "Pharmacy." A pharmacy licensed pursuant to the act of
- 20 September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy
- 21 Act.
- 22 "Pharmacy Act." The act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700,
- 23 No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act.
- 24 "Pharmacy services." The provision of health care services
- 25 defined as the practice of pharmacy by the act of September 27,
- 26 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act.
- 27 "Preferred drug list." A list of prescription medications
- 28 that may be dispensed by a prescription drug plan without prior
- 29 authorization or a notation by the prescriber that the
- 30 medication is medically necessary and cannot be substituted for

- 1 a listed prescription medication.
- 2 "Prescription drug." A covered outpatient drug as defined by
- 3 section 1927(k)(2) of the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42
- 4 U.S.C. § 1396r-8(k)(2)).
- 5 "Prescription drug plan." A program that pays for
- 6 prescription drugs dispensed to individuals enrolled in the
- 7 program that is supported directly or indirectly, in whole or in
- 8 part, by public funds, including all of the following:
- 9 (1) The medical assistance program, the Special
- 10 Pharmaceutical Benefit Program in the Department of Public
- 11 Welfare and the End Stage Renal Program in the Department of
- 12 Health.
- 13 (2) The Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the
- 14 Elderly (PACE) and any other pharmacy program administered by
- the Commonwealth that is recognized by the Centers for
- 16 Medicare and Medicaid of the United States as a State
- 17 pharmaceutical assistance program.
- 18 (3) Programs paying for prescription drugs dispensed to
- 19 employees, including programs established by the Public
- 20 School Employees' Retirement System, the State Employees'
- 21 Retirement System and the State Employees' Benefit Trust
- 22 Fund.
- 23 (4) A program that utilizes funds of this Commonwealth,
- including the State Lottery Fund, to provide assistance in
- obtaining prescription drugs to Medicare recipients.
- 26 (5) Programs where the Commonwealth purchases or
- 27 reimburses affiliates or designees for a pharmacy benefit.
- 28 The programs shall include the Children's Health Insurance
- 29 Program, Workers' Compensation Program and any program
- 30 administered by the Department of Corrections.

- 1 "Program." The pharmacy benefits consolidation program
- 2 established pursuant to section 3.
- 3 "Public School Employees' Retirement System." The retirement
- 4 system established by 24 Pa.C.S. Part IV (relating to retirement
- 5 for school employees).
- 6 "Public Welfare Code." The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,
- 7 No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code.
- 8 "Retail pharmacy." A pharmacy licensed to operate pursuant
- 9 to the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as
- 10 the Pharmacy Act, which provides services to the general public,
- 11 excluding any institutional pharmacy, specialty pharmacy or
- 12 mail-order pharmacy.
- "Secretary." The Secretary of Aging of the Commonwealth.
- 14 "Social Security Act." The Social Security Act (49 Stat.
- 15 620, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.). A reference to the Social
- 16 Security Act shall include regulations implementing the Social
- 17 Security Act adopted by the United States Department of Health
- 18 and Human Services or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
- 19 Services.
- 20 "State agency." Any of the following entities that purchases
- 21 or provides coverage for prescription medications:
- 22 (1) An agency under the jurisdiction of the Governor.
- 23 (2) An independent agency.
- 24 (3) The General Assembly.
- 25 (4) The unified judicial system.
- 26 "State Employees' Benefit Trust Fund." The trust fund
- 27 established to purchase health insurance coverage, including
- 28 coverage for prescription medications, for State employees.
- "State Employees' Retirement System." The retirement system
- 30 established under 71 Pa.C.S. Part XXV (relating to retirement

- 1 for State employees and officers).
- 2 Section 3. One Pennsylvania.
- 3 (a) Establishment.--The department shall establish a
- 4 pharmacy benefits consolidation program to be known as One
- 5 Pennsylvania. The program shall administer all Commonwealth
- 6 prescription drug plans through an integrated system of plan
- 7 administration using uniform standards and requirements for the
- 8 reimbursement of pharmacies as provided by this act. To the
- 9 extent consolidation or the implementation of this act is
- 10 prohibited by Federal law or regulations, the department may
- 11 modify the requirements of this act or exclude or limit its
- 12 application to particular prescription drug plans to the extent
- 13 necessary to comply with Federal law or regulations.
- 14 (b) Requirements.--The department shall do all of the
- 15 following:
- 16 (1) Manage and implement a uniform formulary and
- 17 preferred drug list for the program under this act. A
- 18 formulary shall include all prescription drugs for which a
- 19 manufacturer has entered into a rebate agreement pursuant to
- 20 section 5 and the requirements and restrictions, except for
- 21 prior authorization, provided by section 1927(d) the Social
- 22 Security Act. A preferred drug list shall comply with the
- 23 standards established by Part D, section 1860D-4(b)(3) of the
- 24 Social Security Act and any additional regulations as may be
- adopted by the department pursuant to this act. The list of
- drugs included in the formulary and preferred drug list shall
- 27 be publicly available, posted electronically on the Internet
- website of the department and communicated to pharmacies
- 29 through alerts.
- 30 (2) Ensure that any pharmacy licensed in this

- Commonwealth is eligible to provide pharmacy services according to any regulations adopted by the department
- 3 pursuant to this act.
- 4 (3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii), make 5 provisions for generic substitutions in accordance with 6 the act of November 24, 1976 (P.L.1163, No.259), referred 7 to as the Generic Equivalent Drug Law.
- 8 (ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Generic
 9 Equivalent Drug Law and the act of August 26, 1971
 10 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, generic
 11 substitutions shall only be dispensed when it is less
 12 expensive for the program.
 - (4) Provide for a program of prospective drug utilization review consistent with section 1927(g)(2) of the Social Security Act.
 - (5) Provide for prior authorization consistent with the requirements of section 1927(g)(5) of the Social Security Act and in accordance with regulations of the department.
- 19 Take all reasonable measures to ascertain the legal 20 liability of any third parties, including health insurers, self-insured plans, group health plans as defined by section 21 22 607(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 23 (Public Law 93-406, 88 Stat. 829), service benefit plans, 24 managed care organizations, pharmacy benefit managers, the 25 Medicare program, other prescription drug plans or other 26 parties that are, by statute, contract or agreement, legally 27 responsible for payment for prescription drugs before claims 28 become the liability of any prescription drug plan subject to this act and pursue claims against such parties for payment. 29

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1 included on identification cards issued to persons eligible 2 to claim benefits from prescription drug plans and shall be 3 included in all mechanized claims processing and information 4 retrieval systems, including systems required under section 5 1903(r) of the Social Security Act. Unless a pharmacy has 6 actual knowledge regarding the availability of such thirdparty benefits to a claimant, a pharmacy is entitled to relay 7 8 information regarding the availability of such benefits 9 provided by the department, and shall not be liable to repay, 10 in whole or in part, amounts paid by a prescription drug plan

for prescription drugs for which any such third party is

Provide for a program of retrospective drug utilization review and education consistent with section 1927(g)(2) of the Social Security Act and in accordance with regulations of the department to ensure that prescriptions are appropriate, medically necessary and not likely to result in adverse medical results and to educate providers and recipients of pharmacy services through the pharmacy consolidated benefits program and to correct and report misutilization and abuse by licensed prescribers and recipients and provide for fraud and abuse audits, coordinating its activities with the secretary to support compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Pharmacies shall not be denied payments for medications dispensed based upon the results of retrospective drug utilization review or audits, where the medication was dispensed in good faith by the pharmacy without prior knowledge that the prescription of a medication was not appropriate or necessary, was likely to cause adverse medical results or constituted a fraudulent or

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- 2 (8) Establish a program of medication therapy management 3 consistent with section 1860D-4(c)(2) of the Social Security 4 Act.
- 5 (9) Provide educational materials for program recipients 6 of pharmacy services on disease and care management.
- In accordance with section 1927(a) through (d) of 7 8 the Social Security Act or Chapter 7 of the act of August 26, 9 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, bill, 10 recoup and relay to the medical assistance program 11 manufacturers' drug rebates and excessive consumer price 12 inflation discounts and resolve disputes. Upon the 13 establishment of the program, all medical assistance recipients shall be enrolled in prescription drug programs 14 15 for which rebates and discounts are collected pursuant to section 1927(a) through (d) of the Social Security Act. 16
 - (11) Adjudicate claims through an electronic claims management system consistent with section 1927(h) of the Social Security Act and which allows for an emergency supply of prescribed medication in the event of equipment failures.
 - (12) Create a uniform audit and recoupment system subject to the requirements of section 7(c) for all of the following:
 - (i) Pharmacies, pharmacists, dispensing physicians and any other providers of pharmacy services.
 - (ii) Individuals enrolled in prescription drug plans and applicants for enrollment in prescription drug plans.
- (iii) Prescription drug plans, pharmacy benefit
 managers and other persons providing services related to
 the provision of pharmacy services or the administration

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- of prescription drug plans.
- 2 (iv) Other providers of prescription drug benefits
- 3 subject to coordination of benefit requirements with
- 4 prescription drug plans, including health insurance
- 5 companies, employee benefit plans and trust funds, health
- 6 maintenance organizations, Medicare benefit providers,
- 7 workers compensation insurers and automobile insurance
- 8 companies.
- 9 (v) Pharmaceutical manufacturers, wholesalers and other suppliers of prescription drugs.
- 11 (13) Provide for the reimbursement of all pharmacies
- 12 participating in prescription drug programs on a fee-for-
- 13 service basis.
- 14 (14) Allow pharmacists certified in medication therapy
- management by a national accrediting body or by any other
- 16 certification process approved by the State Board of Pharmacy
- to provide medication therapy management.
- 18 (c) Considerations.--In preparing and managing the uniform
- 19 formulary and preferred drug list, the department shall enter
- 20 into agreements with drug manufacturers to collect and remit to
- 21 the program discounts, rebates or other concessions offered by
- 22 manufacturers.
- 23 (d) Advisory committee.--
- 24 (1) An advisory committee to the department shall be
- established consisting of the following members:
- 26 (i) Three members appointed by the Governor.
- 27 (ii) Two members appointed by each of the following:
- 28 (A) The President pro tempore of the Senate.
- 29 (B) The Minority Leader of the Senate.
- 30 (C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

- 1 (D) The Minority Leader of the House of
- 2 Representatives.
- 3 (2) Each legislative appointing authority shall appoint
- 4 one member pursuant to paragraph (1)(ii) involved in the
- 5 ownership or operation of independent pharmacies and one
- 6 member involved in the ownership or operation of chain
- 7 pharmacies.
- 8 (3) Members of the committee shall serve without
- 9 compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and
- 10 necessary expenses by the department.
- 11 (4) Members of the committee shall serve for indefinite
- terms at the will of their respective appointing authorities.
- 13 (5) Action by the committee shall require a vote by at
- least seven members.
- 15 (6) Members of the committee shall annually elect a
- 16 chairperson.
- 17 Section 4. Reimbursement.
- 18 (a) General rule. -- Reimbursement to pharmacies shall include
- 19 all of the following:
- 20 (1) Payment sufficient to reimburse retail pharmacies
- 21 for the reasonable and necessary costs incurred to purchase
- drugs.
- 23 (2) Except to the extent otherwise required by Federal
- law or regulations, payments to retail pharmacies pursuant to
- 25 paragraph (1) shall be based upon the average retail pharmacy
- 26 acquisition cost for a medication without regard to customary
- 27 prompt pay discounts in the package size most commonly
- 28 purchased by retail pharmacies as determined by the
- department pursuant to subsection (d), or a pharmacy's actual
- 30 acquisition cost for a medication, whichever amount is

- 1 greater.
- 2 (3) Payment for dispensing costs adequate to cover costs
- 3 associated with all of the following:
- 4 (i) Wages and salaries.
- 5 (ii) Costs to store and secure inventory.
- 6 (iii) Patient counseling.
- 7 (iv) Drug utilization review.
- 8 (v) Licensing fees.
- 9 (vi) Taxes.
- 10 (vii) Insurance.
- 11 (viii) Other direct and indirect costs of operating
- 12 a pharmacy.
- 13 (ix) A reasonable profit to generate a return on the
- investment associated with the costs.
- 15 (4) During the first year this section is in effect,
- payments pursuant to paragraph (3) shall be not less than \$10
- for the dispensing of a single source drug as defined by
- 18 section 1927(k)(7)(A)(iv) of the Social Security Act or \$15
- 19 for the dispensing of a multiple-source drug as defined by
- section 1927(k)(7)(A)(iv) of the Social Security Act.
- 21 Beginning on January 1 of each subsequent year, payment
- 22 pursuant to paragraph (3) shall be not less than the prior
- 23 year's minimum payments as adjusted based upon the annual
- 24 percentage change in Consumer Price Index for medical care
- 25 professional services as published by the Bureau of Labor
- 26 Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for the
- 27 month of December of the immediately prior year.
- 28 (5) Additional payment for:
- 29 (i) Medication therapy management.
- 30 (ii) Concurrent and retrospective utilization

- 1 review.
- 2 (iii) Managing prior authorization requirements.
- 3 (iv) To the extent authorized by section 9.1 of the
- 4 Pharmacy Act, implementing drug therapy protocols.
- 5 (v) Compounding prescriptions.
- 6 (vi) Preparing specialized packaging for the
- 7 administration of medications in long-term care
- 8 facilities.
- 9 (vii) Preparing medications for intravenous
- 10 administration.
- 11 (viii) Other reasonable and necessary pharmacy
- 12 services.
- 13 (b) Prompt payment.--Pharmacies shall be paid within 21 days
- 14 of the department's receipt of appropriate substantiation of the
- 15 transaction. Pharmacies shall be entitled to interest at the
- 16 rate provided by section 806 of the act of April 9, 1929
- 17 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, for any payment not
- 18 made within the 21-day period.
- 19 (c) Average retail pharmacy acquisition costs.--The
- 20 department shall determine and publicly make available through
- 21 its Internet website the average retail pharmacy acquisition
- 22 cost for covered medications pursuant to regulations approved by
- 23 the advisory committee in a manner consistent with the
- 24 methodology used by the Congressional Budget Office in its
- 25 December 26, 2006, report to the Committee on Energy and
- 26 Commerce of the United States House of Representatives based
- 27 upon a survey of retail pharmacy wholesale invoices or through
- 28 the use of commercially available sources of information.
- 29 Average pharmacy acquisition costs shall be updated weekly.
- 30 (d) Copayments.--Except for services which are excluded

- 1 under the Commonwealth's medical assistance program, the
- 2 department may require pharmacies to collect a copayment in an
- 3 amount set by the department. To the extent a pharmacy is
- 4 required by Federal or State law to dispense prescriptions to
- 5 persons unable to satisfy copayment obligations, the pharmacy
- 6 shall be reimbursed for uncollected copayment amounts. The
- 7 department shall neither require copayments from beneficiaries
- 8 nor deduct copayment amounts from pharmacy reimbursements for
- 9 any particular classes of drugs or prescription drug plan
- 10 recipients to the extent there is good cause to conclude that
- 11 copayment requirements will result in noncompliance with
- 12 prescription drug treatment protocols and will increase overall
- 13 health care costs or result in imminent and substantial risk of
- 14 harm or injury to recipients or other persons. Except to the
- 15 extent prohibited by Federal law, the department may accept
- 16 compensation for the purpose of reducing or eliminating
- 17 copayments from drug manufacturers, distributors, health care
- 18 plans or other persons or organizations for the purpose of
- 19 encouraging therapeutically desirable compliance with
- 20 prescription drug treatment protocols.
- 21 Section 5. Rebate agreement.
- 22 (a) Required agreements.--Except as provided in subsection
- 23 (b), the department shall not include on the formulary of
- 24 preferred drug list established pursuant to section 3(b)(1) any
- 25 prescription drug unless the department and the pharmaceutical
- 26 manufacturer have entered into a rebate agreement covering that
- 27 prescription drug on terms comparable to agreements executed
- 28 pursuant to section 1927(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Social
- 29 Security Act. The rebate agreement shall provide that, unless
- 30 prohibited by Federal law, the rebate shall be based on the best

- 1 price and that additional rebates shall be paid if the
- 2 pharmaceutical manufacturer increases the price of the drug by
- 3 an amount greater than the increase in the Consumer Price Index
- 4 for All Urban Consumers. Nothing in this act shall prevent the
- 5 department from negotiating agreements for the payment of
- 6 additional rebates and discounts for the benefit of the medical
- 7 assistance program or from entering into rebate and discount
- 8 agreements for other plans which have been consolidated into the
- 9 program for greater rebates and discounts than are required
- 10 pursuant to section 1927(c) of the Social Security Act.
- 11 (b) Exceptions. -- Subsection (a) shall not apply if the
- 12 availability of the drug is essential to the health of members
- 13 of the pharmacy consolidated benefits program as determined by
- 14 the department.
- 15 (c) Contracts.--Pharmaceutical manufacturers must enter into
- 16 a rebate agreement with the department to obtain reimbursement
- 17 for prescription drugs included under this act. The rebate shall
- 18 be paid by the manufacturer not later than 30 days after the
- 19 date of receipt of information necessary to calculate the amount
- 20 of the rebate. The department shall have the authority to levy a
- 21 15% surcharge penalty on any rebate not in dispute that remains
- 22 unpaid for 90 or more days.
- 23 Section 6. Regulations and adjudications.
- 24 (a) Regulations. -- The department shall seek recommendations
- 25 of the advisory committee prior to promulgating rules and
- 26 regulations, as necessary, to carry out the provisions of this
- 27 act.
- 28 (b) Policies.--The department, acting in consultation with
- 29 the advisory committee, shall promulgate statements of policy,
- 30 as necessary, to carry out the provisions of this act. No

- 1 statement of policy adopted by the department shall have the
- 2 force and effect of law or regulation or may modify the
- 3 provisions of any regulations adopted by the department. All
- 4 statements of policy adopted by the department shall, except in
- 5 emergency circumstances, be published for notice and comment
- 6 prior to adoption and shall be published in the Pennsylvania
- 7 Bulletin and the Pennsylvania Code.
- 8 (c) Audit manual.--Based upon its regulations and policies,
- 9 the department shall adopt a manual setting forth procedures,
- 10 guidelines and standards to be utilized by prescription drug
- 11 plans and the department in audits of pharmacies participating
- 12 in the pharmacy consolidation benefits program. The audit manual
- 13 shall provide that:
- 14 (1) Any actions taken to recover or recoup payments to
- 15 pharmacies, seek restitution or impose interest, penalties or
- other sanctions upon pharmacies will be taken in compliance
- with the procedures provided by the audit manual.
- 18 (2) Except when otherwise justified by emergency
- 19 circumstances, allegations of criminal conduct or threats to
- 20 public health, pharmacies shall be given at least 30 days'
- 21 advance notice of any onsite audits.
- 22 (3) Except when otherwise justified by emergency
- 23 circumstances, allegations of criminal conduct or threats to
- 24 public health, audits will not interfere with the delivery of
- 25 services to patients, disrupt pharmacy operations or impose
- any unreasonable burdens upon pharmacies or pharmacists.
- 27 (4) Any audit involving clinical or professional
- 28 judgment will be conducted by or in consultation with a
- 29 properly qualified consulting pharmacist.
- 30 (5) Pharmacies will not be subject to claims for the

- 1 recovery or recoupment of payments, restitution, interest,
- 2 penalties or other sanctions for minor, isolated or good-
- 3 faith errors and omissions in the processing of claims unless
- 4 the pharmacies engage in fraud, intentional misconduct,
- 5 willful or grossly negligent activities or create threats to
- 6 the health and safety of patients.
- 7 (6) Claims for the recovery or recoupment of payments,
- 8 restitution, interest, penalties or other sanctions shall not
- 9 be based upon statistical sampling and projection or
- 10 extrapolation techniques.
- 11 (7) Errors or omissions in records may be corrected and
- the validity of records confirmed through the use of any
- reliable source of information, including records and reports
- provided by prescribing and treating health care
- professionals, health care facilities, by reliance upon
- 16 electronic copies of original records or through the use of
- other confirming documents, records, reports or testimony.
- 18 (8) No audit shall be conducted more than 12 months
- 19 after the date a claim was submitted for payment.
- 20 (9) No contingent fee compensation or payment shall be
- 21 made to any consultant or advisor conducting or assisting in
- the conduct of an audit.
- 23 (10) Upon the conclusion of an audit, an exit interview
- 24 will be conducted explaining any claims asserted and offering
- a pharmacy an informal opportunity to respond to any claims
- 26 before a written audit report is produced.
- 27 (11) Following the production of a written audit report,
- a pharmacy shall be given at least 60 days in which to
- respond to the report, provide any additional required
- documentation or present objections to the audit, before the

- 1 audit shall be deemed a final adjudication subject to review
- 2 pursuant to subsection (d).
- 3 (d) Adjudications.--Adjudications conducted by the
- 4 department shall be subject to 2 Pa.C.S. Ch. 5 Subch. A
- 5 (relating to practice and procedure of Commonwealth agencies)
- 6 and Ch. 7 Subch. A (relating to judicial review of Commonwealth
- 7 agency action). The department shall adopt rules of procedure
- 8 regarding the conduct of adjudications involving pharmacies
- 9 consistent with the provisions of 67 Pa.C.S. §§ 1102 (relating
- 10 to hearings before the bureau), 1103 (relating to supersedeas),
- 11 1104 (relating to subpoenas) and 1105 (relating to
- 12 determinations, review, appeal and enforcement).
- 13 Section 7. Applicability.
- 14 This act shall apply to the medical assistance program except
- 15 to the extent the secretary, in consultation with the Department
- 16 of Public Welfare, determines that the application is a
- 17 violation of Federal law or an existing contractual agreement.
- 18 Nothing in this act shall supersede or impede an existing
- 19 contractual agreement. Contractual agreements in effect on the
- 20 effective date of this section shall not be renewed or extended
- 21 to the extent inconsistent with the requirements of this act,
- 22 and the department shall promptly enter into negotiations to
- 23 modify any contractual agreements inconsistent with this act to
- 24 conform to the requirements of this act.
- 25 Section 8. Prohibited activities.
- 26 It shall be unlawful for any individual, partnership or
- 27 corporation to solicit, receive, offer or pay any kickback,
- 28 bribe or rebate in cash or in kind from or to any person in
- 29 connection with the furnishing of services under this act to the
- 30 same extent as prohibited with respect to Federal health

- 1 programs by section 1128(b)(1) and (2) of the Social Security
- 2 Act, subject to the safe harbors from sanctions provided by
- 3 sections 1877(a)(1) and 1860D-4(e)(6) of the Social Security
- 4 Act. Violations of this section shall be subject to the
- 5 sanctions, penalties and remedies under section 1407 of the
- 6 Public Welfare Code.
- 7 Section 9. Repeals.
- 8 (a) Intent.--The General Assembly declares that the repeal
- 9 under subsection (b) is necessary to effectuate the purposes of
- 10 this act.
- 11 (b) Provision.--Section 509 of the act of August 26, 1971
- 12 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, is repealed.
- 13 (c) General.--All other acts and parts of acts are repealed
- 14 insofar as they are inconsistent with this act.
- 15 Section 10. Effective date.
- This act shall take effect as follows:
- 17 (1) Sections 3(d), 4(a)(4) and 6 shall take effect
- immediately.
- 19 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in one
- 20 year.