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AN ACT

1 Providing for consumer prescription drug pricing disclosure.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Consumer
6 Prescription Drug Pricing Disclosure Act.

7 Section 2. Definitions.

8 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
9 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
10 context clearly indicates otherwise:

11 "Covered entity." A member, participant, enrollee,
12 contractholder or policyholder providing pharmacy benefits to a
13 covered individual under a health coverage plan pursuant to a
14 contract administered by a pharmacy benefit manager.

15 "Covered individual." A member, participant, enrollee,

1 contractholder or policyholder or beneficiary of a covered
2 entity who is provided health coverage by the covered entity.
3 The term includes a dependent or other person provided health
4 coverage through the policy, contract or plan of a covered
5 individual.

6 "Pharmacist." As defined in section 2(10) the act of
7 September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy
8 Act.

9 "Pharmacy." As defined in section 2(12) of the Pharmacy Act.

10 "Pharmacy benefits management." Any of the following:

11 (1) Procurement of prescription drugs at a negotiated
12 contracted rate for distribution within this Commonwealth to
13 covered individuals.

14 (2) Administration or management of prescription drug
15 benefits provided by a covered entity for the benefit of
16 covered individuals.

17 (3) Administration of pharmacy benefits, including:

18 (i) Operating a mail-service pharmacy.

19 (ii) Claims processing.

20 (iii) Managing a retail pharmacy network management.

21 (iv) Paying claims to pharmacies for prescription
22 drugs dispensed to covered individuals via retail or
23 mail-order pharmacy.

24 (v) Developing and managing a clinical formulary,
25 utilization management and quality assurance programs.

26 (vi) Rebate contracting and administration.

27 (vii) Managing a patient compliance, therapeutic
28 intervention and generic substitution program.

29 (viii) Operating a disease management program.

30 (ix) Setting pharmacy reimbursement pricing and

1 methodologies, including maximum allowable cost, and
2 determining single or multiple source drugs.

3 "Pharmacy benefits manager." A person, business or other
4 entity that performs pharmacy benefits management.

5 Section 3. Disclosure of prescription drug costs.

6 (a) Information to covered individual.--A pharmacy or
7 pharmacist shall have the right to provide a covered individual
8 with all available information concerning the cost of a
9 prescription drug, including, but not limited to, the
10 individual's cost share.

11 (b) No prohibition or penalization.--Neither a pharmacy, a
12 pharmacist nor its contracting agent shall be prohibited from or
13 penalized by a pharmacy benefits manager for discussing the
14 information under subsection (a), disclosing the availability of
15 any therapeutically equivalent alternative medications or
16 selling to the covered individual a more affordable alternative
17 if an affordable alternative is available.

18 Section 4. Effective date.

19 This act shall take effect in 60 days.