AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

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

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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:

(1) Prohibit a pharmacist from discussing reimbursement criteria with an individual presenting a prescription;

(2) Penalize a pharmacy or pharmacist for disclosing the information described in subsection (1) of this section to an individual presenting a prescription or for selling a more affordable alternative to an individual presenting a prescription; or

(3) Require a pharmacy or pharmacist to charge or collect a copayment from an individual presenting a prescription that exceeds the total charges submitted by the network pharmacy.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
This act would bar health insurance plans from prohibiting pharmacists discussing reimbursement criteria with individuals presenting prescriptions. Furthermore, health insurance plans may not penalize a pharmacy or pharmacist from disclosing reimbursement criteria with an individual presenting a prescription or for not charging a copayment from an individual presenting a prescription that exceeds the total charges submitted by the network pharmacy.

This act would take effect upon passage.