

HB 3409 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure specifies the circumstances in which a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) or insurer is prohibited from requiring a 340B pharmacy to submit a claim for reimbursement with a modifier or other indicator that the drug is a 340B drug.

Detailed Summary:

- Prohibits a PBM or insurer from requiring a covered entity to submit a claim for reimbursement with a modifier or other indicator that the drug is a 340B drug when:
 - The 340B data is submitted to a third-party clearinghouse that meets specified conditions,
 - The modifier or other indicator is required to prevent a duplicate discount or rebate, or
 - The claim is for payment by the state medical assistance program.
- Specifies that PBMs are not required to participate in or subscribe to a clearinghouse.
- Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

House Vote: Ayes, 32; Nays, 18.

Fiscal Impact: Has Minimal Fiscal Impact

Revenue Impact: No Revenue Impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 1990, Congress created the Medicaid drug rebate program (MDRP) to lower the cost of drugs covered by state Medicaid programs. The MDRP requires drug manufacturers to enter into a rebate agreement with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a precondition for coverage of the manufacturer's drugs by Medicaid and Medicare Part B. In 1992, Congress expanded this relief through the creation of the 340B drug pricing program. The 340B drug pricing program requires a similar agreement with the HHS Secretary in which the manufacturer agrees to provide front-end discounts on covered outpatient drugs offered by "covered entities" that serve the most vulnerable patient populations. The definition of "covered entities" includes six categories of hospitals and 10 categories of non-hospital entities that are eligible based on receiving federal funding and include federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act clinics and programs, and Title X family planning clinics.

In 2013, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2123 requiring pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) to be registered with the Department of Consumer and Business Services. Subsequent legislation has added to these requirements, including House Bill 2185 (2019), which added the prohibition on PBMs reimbursing 340B pharmacies differently from other network pharmacies.

House Bill 3409 A specifies the circumstances in which a pharmacy benefit manager or insurer is prohibited from requiring a 340B pharmacy to submit a claim for reimbursement with a modifier or other indicator that the drug is a 340B drug.