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Introduced by M. of A. D. ROSENTHAL, DICKENS, COLTON, WILLIAMS, SEAWRIGHT, COOK, O'DONNELL, SIMON, ABINANTI, JACOBSON, GRIFFIN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. GALEF, SALKA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to requiring certain manufacturers of prescription drugs to notify the superintendant of any proposed increase of the wholesale acquisition cost of such prescription drugs

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The insurance law is amended by adding a new section 111-a
2 to read as follows:

3 § 111-a. Notification of prescription drug price increases by manufac-
4 turers. (a) This section shall apply to a manufacturer of a prescription
5 drug that is purchased or reimbursed in this state by any of the follow-
6 ing:

7 (1) An insurance company authorized in this state to write accident
8 and health insurance, a company organized pursuant to article forty-
9 three of this chapter, a municipal cooperative health benefit plan
10 established pursuant to article forty-seven of this chapter, an organ-
11 ization certified pursuant to article forty-four of the public health
12 law, an institution of higher education certified pursuant to section
13 one thousand one hundred twenty-four of this chapter, or the New York
14 state health insurance plan established pursuant to article eleven of
15 the civil service law; or

16 (2) A pharmacy benefit manager, including an entity that directly or
17 through an intermediary, manages the prescription drug coverage provided

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 by a health insurer under a contract or policy delivered or issued for
2 delivery in this state or a health plan subject to section three hundred
3 sixty-four-j of the social services law, including the processing and
4 payment of claims for prescription drugs, the performance of drug utili-
5 zation review, the processing of drug prior authorization requests, the
6 adjudication of appeals or grievances related to prescription drug
7 coverage, contracting with network pharmacies, and controlling the cost
8 of covered prescription drugs.

9 (b) (1) A manufacturer of a prescription drug with a wholesale acqui-
10 sition cost of more than forty dollars for a course of therapy shall
11 notify the superintendent, his or her deputy or other officer designated
12 by the superintendent, if the increase in the wholesale acquisition cost
13 of such prescription drug is more than ten percent, including the
14 proposed increase and the cumulative increases that occurred within the
15 previous twelve months prior to the current year. For purposes of this
16 section, a "course of therapy" is defined as either of the following:

17 (i) the recommended daily dosage units of a prescription drug pursuant
18 to its prescribing label as approved by the federal Food and Drug Admin-
19 istration for thirty days; or

20 (ii) the recommended daily dosage units of a prescription drug pursu-
21 ant to its prescribing label as approved by the federal Food and Drug
22 Administration for a normal course of treatment that is less than thirty
23 days.

24 (2) (i) The notice required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall
25 be provided in writing to the superintendent at least sixty days prior
26 to the planned effective date of the increase.

27 (ii) The superintendent shall forthwith publish the notice required by
28 paragraph (a) of this subdivision on the department of financial
29 services website within five days of its receipt.

30 (3) (i) The notice required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall
31 include the date of the increase, the current wholesale acquisition cost
32 of the prescription drug, and the dollar amount of the future increase
33 in the wholesale acquisition cost of the prescription drug.

34 (ii) The notice required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall
35 include a statement regarding whether a change or improvement in the
36 drug necessitates the price increase. If so, the manufacturer shall
37 describe the change or improvement.

38 (4) The superintendent shall determine the confidentiality of any
39 supporting documentation a manufacturer designates as a trade secret and
40 that such manufacturer may submit with the required notice. Should such
41 supporting documentation be deemed confidential by the superintendent,
42 the supporting documentation shall not be subject to disclosure except
43 where and as the superintendent determines that disclosure is in the
44 public interest.

45 (5) In the event that a manufacturer of a prescription drug subject to
46 this section does not report the information required in paragraph (1)
47 of this subsection, the superintendent is authorized to impose any
48 penalty or remedy authorized by this chapter, after notice and a hear-
49 ing, against such manufacturer of up to ten thousand dollars per day for
50 every day after the reporting period described in this section that the
51 required information is not reported.

52 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.