STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

June 8, 2017

Introduced by Sen. LATIMER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the education law, in relation to transparency in retail prices of prescription drugs

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 278-a to read as follows:

§ 278-a. Prescription drug price transparency. 1. As used in this section, "retail price" shall mean the price at which a particular drug is sold notwithstanding the cost an individual would pay after pharmaceutical insurance pricing is calculated.

2. Every recipient of a pharmaceutical product pursuant to prescription shall be provided with the retail price of his or her prescription in writing and transmit such in an electronic format, including, but not limited to SMS or e-mail prior to being charged for such prescription.

3. A pharmacy that receives an electronic prescription shall, at the time the prescription is dispensed, provide the retail price of the prescription in writing and transmit such in an electronic format, including, but not limited to SMS or e-mail directly to the patient or the person making the request on behalf of the patient.

4. The price transparency required pursuant to this section shall apply to all new prescriptions written after the effective date of this section; provided, however, that any individual who requests retail price information about a prescription originally written before the enactment of this section shall be provided with such information in written and electronic form as described in subdivision two of this section.

§ 2. Section 6810 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 10-b to read as follows:

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

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10-b. A pharmacy shall, at the time a prescription is dispensed, provide the retail price of the prescription in writing and transmit such in an electronic format, including, but not limited to SMS or e-mail directly to the patient or the person making the request on behalf of the patient in accordance with section two hundred seventy-eight-a of the public health law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.