

STATE OF NEW YORK

5623

2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 20, 2017

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to civil penalties for violations concerning the pharmacy benefit manager contract appeals process; and in relation to the process for appeal

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

1 Section 1. Section 280-a of the public health law is amended by adding
2 two new subdivisions 3 and 4 to read as follows:

3 3. Any pharmacy benefit manager who violates the provisions of subdivi-
4 vision two of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to
5 exceed five thousand dollars for each violation.

6 4. The attorney general shall bring an action to recover the civil
7 penalties provided by subdivision three of this section and for such
8 other relief as may be deemed necessary.

9 § 2. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 2 of section 280-a of the public
10 health law, as added by chapter 540 of the laws of 2015, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (e) if an appeal is denied, the pharmacy benefit manager shall identi-
13 fy [~~the national drug code of a therapeutically equivalent drug, as~~
14 ~~determined by the federal Food and Drug Administration, that is avail-~~
15 ~~able for purchase by pharmacies in this state from wholesalers regis-~~
16 ~~tered pursuant to subdivision four of section sixty-eight hundred eight~~
17 ~~of the education law at a price which is equal to or less than the maxi-~~
18 ~~mum allowable cost for that drug as determined by the pharmacy benefit~~
19 ~~manager]~~ in writing: (i) the national drug code of a therapeutically
20 equivalent drug as determined by the food and drug administration that
21 is available for purchase by retail community pharmacies in the same
22 package size, (ii) the name of the wholesaler registered pursuant to
23 subdivision four of section sixty-eight hundred eight of the education
24 law from which the price was obtained, and (iii) the date on which the
25 price was determined.

26 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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